

**ECONOMICS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE – SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 19 – 20 OCTOBER 2011**

**TREASURY PORTFOLIO**

<b>SBT No.</b>	<b>Senator</b>	<b>Broad Topic</b>	<b>Question</b>	<b>Hansard Page &amp; Hearing Date or Written Q</b>	<b>Program: Division or Agency</b>	<b>Date Rec'd</b>	<b>Date tabled</b>
1	Cameron	Remuneration Tribunal Submission	<p>Senator CAMERON: Have you made a submission to the independent tribunal in relation to your wages?</p> <p>Mr D'Ascenzo: A year ago, yes.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Is that a public document?</p> <p>Mr D'Ascenzo: It is with the tribunal.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: I am asking whether that is a public document.</p> <p>Mr D'Ascenzo: The submission is made to the tribunal. I do not know whether the tribunal makes these documents public. I doubt that they would.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Would you have any objection to it being made public?</p> <p>Mr D'Ascenzo: Could I speak to the tribunal first about whether or not that is—</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: I am asking for your opinion. I am not asking the tribunal.</p> <p>Ms Granger: I think we would need the advice of the tribunal in relation to that. Perhaps we could take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Okay.</p>	20/11/11 - pg 116	ATO	6/01/2012	9/02/2012

2	Xenophon	Enterprise Agreement	<p>Senator XENOPHON: I just wanted to clarify that. Could you take this on notice, further to Senator Cameron's line of questioning: how many employees of the ATO, over the last five years, are in the \$100,000 to \$150,000 pay bracket and in the \$150,000 to \$200,000 and so on? I take it that would be a relatively small minority, but if I can get an idea of—</p> <p>Mr D'Ascenzo: It is not a small minority because I think in the APS you would get to \$100,000 at the EL2 level, and we would have 1,500 EL2s.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Sure, but I am just trying to understand; so: for an organisation the size of the ATO, in \$50,000 increments—again, on notice—and how it compares in the last five years.</p> <p>Senator Sherry: I think that some of that data would be in the annual report.</p> <p>Mr D'Ascenzo: All of it is in the annual report.</p> <p>Senator Sherry: It is coming out in a couple of weeks, isn't it?</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Perhaps the easiest thing to do, insofar as it is an annual report, if I am referred to the annual report—</p> <p>Mr D'Ascenzo: Yes, but I am not sure that the annual report will give a longitudinal—</p> <p>CHAIR: The annual report will only have the SES in it.</p> <p>Senator Sherry: We will take it on notice to the extent that what you have asked for is not in the annual report.</p>	20/11/11 - pg 119	ATO	15/12/2011	9/02/2012
3	Xenophon	Written off Tax Debts	<p>Senator XENOPHON: I will put some other questions on notice about that, but I appreciate that. Can I just go to the issue of the writing-off of tax debts. If I could put this to the commissioner: in the Adelaide Sunday Mail of 24 September 2011 it was reported that tax debts worth a record \$5.45 billion have been written off by the Australian Tax Office and that this amount, according to the report, amounts to a five-fold increase on the \$837 million deemed unrecoverable in 2007-08. Are those figures accurate, or broadly accurate, Commissioner?</p> <p>Mr D'Ascenzo: I think in the year 2009-10 it was something like \$2.4 billion, but it did increase significantly. Mr Butler can be more clear.</p> <p>Mr Butler: The debt written off in total in 2008-09 was \$2.2 billion; in 2009-10 it was \$1.7 billion and in 2010-11 it was \$3.8 billion. The drop in 2009-10 was reflective of the economic circumstances at the time, and we had taken quite an appropriate approach to work with small business people particularly to help them go on payment plans and things like that. So 2010-11 was actually quite a catch-up year, in a sense, and there was also one particularly large case, where the debt was uncollectable, that affected that figure as well. But the figures in that article that you read out are not correct in that sense.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: But it has increased significantly from 2007-08,</p>	20/11/11 - pg 120	ATO	15/12/2011	9/02/2012

			<p>has it not?</p> <p>Mr Butler: I do not have the 2007-08 figure with me but I believe it is in the same order, of that magnitude.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: My figure indicates \$837 million, but if that is wrong you could take that on notice.</p> <p>Mr Butler: I believe that is correct but I will take it on notice and confirm it</p>				
4	Xenophon	Procurement Practices	<p>Senator XENOPHON: Could you provide details—I do not mind if it is on notice—as to what the criteria are, what the protocols are, for deciding whether something goes to direct source or through the panel, given that one of the main reasons the supplier panel was created was to support the Cooper review in superannuation. There must be criteria, are there not, as to where you go down the path of direct sourcing?</p> <p>Mr Butler: Direct sourcing is a Commonwealth procurement guideline. It is not our guideline, it is the Commonwealth's guideline, which is a public document. We set up the panel for a whole range of work, including the Cooper review of superannuation but not just the Cooper review.</p>	20/11/11 - pg 121	ATO	7/12/2011	9/02/2012

5	Xenophon	Pre-issue Refund Integrity (PIRI) Checks	<p>Senator XENOPHON: I want to go to the answer on question on notice BT 33 about the PIRI check, the pre-issue refund integrity check, to be performed and I do appreciate the comprehensive nature of the answer. This is an important issue for small businesses in the time it takes to get their refund cheques back and I understand the integrity issues at stake. But it concerns me that only 37.6 per cent are finalised within 14 days, another 58.4 per cent are finalised within 30 days and there are still some 10 per cent that take more than 90 days to finalise. How many people do you have working on PIRI and are you satisfied with those standards?</p> <p>Mr Quigley: There are integrity checks we undertake on these risky refunds.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Which is quite appropriate. But do you have enough people?</p> <p>Mr Quigley: Yes, and that responded to that question on notice previously about those particular figures. I could give the process that we undertake if you like. We do keep the relevant taxpayer or their agent informed of what is going on, and of course if we do not issue refunds in the statutory time then under the law interest is paid.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Sure. How many staff do you have working on PIRI refunds?</p> <p>Mr Quigley: I have not got that on hand. I could take that on notice.</p>	20/11/11 - pg 121	ATO	7/12/2011	9/02/2012
6	Xenophon	Tax Debt Analysis	<p>Senator XENOPHON: This may be in your annual report or you can take it on notice: where does the debt come from—small business, larger businesses—has there been a qualitative analysis of the debt and are there any trends in relation to that?</p> <p>Mr Butler: I can answer that at a high level. It is mostly small business debt. We have information in our report, but we can take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: I think it might be indicative of the stresses that small business faces.</p> <p>Mr Butler: Large business might dispute their tax debt through disputing their assessments. Typically the ones who cannot pay—</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: It would be interesting to see, if you could take this on notice, if there are any trends in the last—</p> <p>Mr Butler: Trends around percentages?</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Shifts in the percentage of debts and the source of those debts.</p> <p>Mr Butler: Yes, we can answer that.</p>	20/11/11 - pg 125	ATO	15/12/2011	9/02/2012

7	Cormann	Excess Contributions Tax – Commissioner’s Discretion	<p>Senator CORMANN: ...I have got a couple of questions in relation to the excess contributions tax, to take us home. With applications for the commissioner's discretion in relation to excess contributions to tax determinations, is there a time limit within which the ATO seeks to make a determination of a particular matter? If so, what number of applications went outside that period in 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11? Some of that you might have to take on notice.</p> <p>Mr Olesen: Yes, we will have to take that on notice. There are time limits, but I do not have the figures around the extent to which we have hit them. Perhaps a bit of context to offer, though, is that the workloads around excess contributions tax have been very high in the last couple of years as we have worked through that process, so I think we have struggled to hit the standards that we have set for ourselves for that body of work—but I will get the details for you.</p>	20/11/11 - pg 131	ATO	6/01/2012	9/02/2012
8	Cormann	Excess Contributions Tax – Directives to Case Officers	<p>Senator CORMANN: Thank you. Was there policy or any form of communication or directive that led case officers, in the lead-up to this year's budget, to stall or hold off on determining applications, pending the outcome of the budget this year?</p> <p>Mr Olesen: No, Senator.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: You might want to take that on notice and just confirm that before you lock yourself into that.</p> <p>Mr Olesen: I will take your advice on that!</p>	20/11/11 - pg 131	ATO	6/01/2012	9/02/2012
9	Cormann	Excess Contributions Tax – Classifying Cases as complex	<p>Senator CORMANN: Is there a process by which certain applications for discretion are classified as complex and then go before a senior technical panel?</p> <p>Mr Olesen: I believe there are. The reason why we have had two teams is to keep the decision making over those consistent—so they have only had a very small number of decision makers. I would need to take on notice the detail of the escalation process, depending on complexity. As a rule, they are decided by a senior team leader in every case. There would be some cases where they are escalated to more senior officers.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: How many senior officers would there be on each team?</p> <p>Mr Olesen: I think there have been two decision makers, from memory. I am happy to confirm that for you.</p>	20/11/11 - pg 131-132	ATO	6/01/2012	9/02/2012
10	Cormann	Excess Contributions Tax – complex case numbers	<p>Senator CORMANN: On notice, could you tell us what proportion of applications for discretion in 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 were classified as complex and received such consideration?</p> <p>Mr Olesen: Yes.</p>	20/11/11 - pg 132	ATO	6/01/2012	9/02/2012

11	Cormann	Excess Contributions Tax – administration expenditure	<p>Senator CORMANN: What are the most recent figures as to administration expenditure on excess contributions tax for 2010-11?</p> <p>Mr Olesen: Administration expenditure—so the cost of administering it?</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Yes.</p> <p>Mr Olesen: I do not have those figures, Senator. I will have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Is that something that you would be able to identify?</p> <p>Mr Olesen: Yes, absolutely.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: I am talking about the expense related to the administration of excess contributions tax. Do you know what the forecast expenditure is for 2011-12, or would you have to take that on notice as well?</p> <p>Mr Olesen: Yes.</p>	20/11/11 - pg 132	ATO	6/01/2012	9/02/2012
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13	Cormann	Excess contributions tax – objection statistics	<p>Senator CORMANN: Of the applications made for the commissioner's discretion in 2010-11, maybe on notice, can you tell us how many were successful versus how many were unsuccessful? Because we only have two minutes left, I will go to my final two questions, unless you have that information here?</p> <p>Mr Olesen: I do not have that information here. We are roughly running at about eight per cent of applications that are made to us being successful.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Eight per cent are successful?</p> <p>Mr Olesen: Eight per cent of the applications made to us.</p>	20/11/11 - pg 133	ATO	6/01/2012	9/02/2012

14	Bushby	Provisions for People with Disabilities	14. What is the process for a carer or guardian of a person with a disability to apply for a tax file number for the purposes of receiving payments from Centrelink?	Written	ATO	15/12/2011	9/02/2012
15			15. What limitations does the Privacy Act place on parents of children with disabilities, over the age of 14 years, to apply for a tax file number for the purposes of receiving payments from Centrelink?			15/12/2011	9/02/2012
16	Bushby	Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission - Role in Policy Development	16. What role, if any, will the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission have in whole of government policy development for the charities and not-for-profit sector?	Written	PRID	13/02/2012	9/02/2012
17	Bushby	Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission - Resources for Policy Development	17. What ACNC resources will be dedicated over the forward estimates towards policy development?	Written	PRID	13/02/2012	9/02/2012
18	Bushby	ATO Staffing - FYTD	18. How many permanent staff recruited this FYTD? a) What classification are these staff?	Written	ATO	6/01/2012	9/02/2012
19			19. How many temporary positions exist or have been created this FYTD?			6/01/2012	9/02/2012
20			20. This FYTD, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?			6/01/2012	9/02/2012
21	Bushby	ATO Staffing - 2010-11	21. How many permanent staff recruited for the year 2010-11? a) What classification are these staff?	Written	ATO	6/01/2012	9/02/2012
22			22. How many temporary positions exist or have been created for the year 2010-11?			6/01/2012	9/02/2012
23			23. For the year 2010-11, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?			6/01/2012	9/02/2012
24	Bushby	ATO Staffing Reductions	24. Are there any plans for staff reduction? a) If so, please advise details ie. reduction target, how this will be achieved, services/programs to be cut etc.	Written	ATO	6/01/2012	9/02/2012
25			25. If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.			6/01/2012	9/02/2012
26	Bushby	ATO Efficiency Dividend	26. How has the efficiency dividend been implemented?	Written	ATO	7/12/2011	9/02/2012
27			27. Please list where and what spending has been reduced to meet the efficiency dividend.			7/12/2011	9/02/2012

28	Bushby	ATO Government Advertising	28. What advertising – Campaign and Non-Campaign – did the Department/Agency undertaken in 2011-12? Provide details of each advertising, including the program the advertising was for, the total spend and the business that provided the advertising services.	Written	ATO	15/12/2011	9/02/2012
29			29. Did the Department of Finance and Deregulation provide any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item.			15/12/2011	9/02/2012
30			30. Did the Advertising comply with the Guidelines on Information and Advertising Campaigns by Australian Government Departments and Agencies (March 2010)? Provide the details for each advertising item.			20/12/2011	9/02/2012
31			31. Provide details for any other communications program, including details of the program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services.			6/01/2012	9/02/2012
32			32. What advertising – Campaign and Non-Campaign – and other communications programs is the Department/Agency undertaking, or are planning to undertake?			6/01/2012	9/02/2012
33	Bushby	ATO Hospitality and Entertainment	33. What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for the year 2010-11? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events	Written	ATO	15/12/2011	9/02/2012
34			34. What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.			7/12/2011	9/02/2012
35			35. What is the Department's entertainment spend for the year 2010-11? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.			7/12/2011	9/02/2012
36			36. What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.			7/12/2011	9/02/2012
37	Bushby	ATO Freedom of Information	37. Has the Department/agency received any advice on how to respond to FOI requests?	Written	ATO	7/12/2011	9/02/2012
38			38 . How many FOI requests has the Department received for the year 2010-11? a) How many have been granted or denied?			7/12/2011	9/02/2012
39			39. How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests for the year 2010-11?			7/12/2011	9/02/2012
40			40. How many FOI requests has the Department received for this FYTD? a) How many have been granted or denied?			7/12/2011	9/02/2012
41			41. How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests for this FYTD?			7/12/2011	9/02/2012

42	Bushby	ATO Reviews	42. For the year 2010-11, how many Reviews were being undertaken by all departments and agencies in each portfolio? a) When will each of these reviews be concluded? b) What reviews have been concluded? c) Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? d) When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? e) What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews?	Written	ATO	7/12/2011	9/02/2012
43			43. For this financial year to date, what reviews are planned? a) When will each of these reviews be concluded? b) What reviews have been concluded this FYTD? c) Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? d) When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? e) What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews?			7/12/2011	9/02/2012
44	Bushby	ATO Consultancies	44. How many consultancies were undertaken in 2010-11? a) Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). b) Also include total value for all consultancies.	Written	ATO	6/01/2012	9/02/2012
45			45. Were there any changes to any of the portfolio's tenders in 2010-11? Detail any changes			15/12/2011	9/02/2012
46			46. How many consultancies have been undertaken or are underway this FYTD? a) Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). b) Also include total value for all consultancies.			15/12/2011	9/02/2012
47			47. Does each department and agency stand by its current tenders on the Austenders website? a) Have any changes or corrections been made for any tenders advertised on to Government Tenders website (www.tenders.gov.au) for tenders advertised this financial year? Explain. b) Are up to date with reporting requirements?			15/12/2011	9/02/2012
48			48. How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? a) Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? b) In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.			15/12/2011	9/02/2012

49	Bushby	ATO Media Monitoring	49. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office for the year 2010-11? a) Which agency or agencies provided these services? b) What is the estimated budget to provide this same services for the year 2011-12? c) What has been spent providing these services FYTD?	Written	ATO	7/12/2011	9/02/2012
50			50. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Department and its agencies for the year 2010-11? a) Which agency or agencies provided these services? b) What is the estimated budget to provide this same services for the year 2011-12? c) What has been spent providing these services FYTD?			7/12/2011	9/02/2012
51	Bushby	ATO Social Media	51. Has there been any changes to department and agency social media or protocols about staff access and useage of Youtube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs since May 2011? Please explain.	Written	ATO	7/12/2011	9/02/2012
52	Bushby	ATO Contractors	Since May 2011: 52. Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details.	Written	ATO	7/12/2011	9/02/2012
53			53. Has the department/agency ever employed Shannon's Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon's Way? If yes, provide details.			7/12/2011	9/02/2012
54			54. Has the department/agency ever employed John Utting & UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting & UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details.			7/12/2011	9/02/2012
55			55. Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details.			7/12/2011	9/02/2012
56			56. Has the department/agency ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details.			7/12/2011	9/02/2012
57			57. Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details.			7/12/2011	9/02/2012
58			58. Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details.			7/12/2011	9/02/2012

59			59. Has the department/agency ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details.			7/12/2011	9/02/2012
60			60. Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details			7/12/2011	9/02/2012
61	Bushby	ATO Discretionary Grants	61. Could the Department provide a list of all discretionary grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for the year 2010-11? Please provide details of the recipients, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants.	Written	ATO	15/12/2011	9/02/2012
62			62. Could the Department provide a list of all discretionary grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants FYTD? Please provide details of the recipients, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants.			15/12/2011	9/02/2012
63			63. Has the Department complied with interim requirements relating to the publication of discretionary grants?			15/12/2011	9/02/2012
64	Bushby	ATO Commissioned Reports	64. How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your portfolio for the year 2010-11? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members. a) How much did each report cost? b) How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level? c) What is the current status of each report? d) When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?	Written	ATO	7/12/2011	9/02/2012
65			65. How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your portfolio FYTD? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members. a) How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? b) How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level? c) What is the current status of each report? d).When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?			7/12/2011	9/02/2012

66	Bushby	ATO Government Payments of Accounts	66. For the year 2010-11, did the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e.within 30 days)? If not, why not, a) what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached.) b) For accounts not paid within 30 days, was interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency for the current financial year and the previous financial year? c) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?	Written	ATO	7/12/2011	9/02/2012
67			67. For the FYTD, has the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e.within 30 days)? If not, why not, a) what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached. b) For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency for the current financial year and the previous financial year? c) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?			7/12/2011	9/02/2012
68	Bushby	ATO Government Stationery Requirements	68. How much was spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio (i.e. paper, envelopes, with compliments slips) in 2010-11?	Written	ATO	7/12/2011	9/02/2012
69			69. What is the estimated cost for 2011-12?			7/12/2011	9/02/2012
70	Bushby	ATO Media Subscriptions	70. Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to pay TV (for example Foxtel)? a) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels. b) What was the cost for 2010-11? c) What is the estimated cost for 2011-12?	Written	ATO	7/12/2011	9/02/2012
71			71. Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to newspapers? a) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers. b) What was the cost for 2010-11? c) What is the estimated cost for 2011-12?			7/12/2011	9/02/2012

72			72. Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to magazines? a) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines. b) What was the cost for 2010-11? c) What is the estimated cost for 2011-12?			7/12/2011	9/02/2012
73	Bushby	ATO Travel Costs	73. For the year 2010-11, please detail all travel (itemised separately) undertaken by employees of each department and agency within each portfolio. Include details of what the travel was for, what cost was spent on travel (including travel type – i.e. business airfare), accommodation, security, food, beverages (alcohol listed separately), gifts, entertainment, and all other expenses.	Written	ATO	15/12/2011	9/02/2012
74		74. For the year FYTD, please detail all travel (itemised separately) undertaken by employees of each department and agency within each portfolio. Include details of what the travel was for, what cost was spent on travel (including travel type – i.e. business airfare), accommodation, security, food, beverages (alcohol listed separately), gifts, entertainment, and all other expenses.	7/12/2011			9/02/2012	
75	Bushby	ATO Legal Costs	75. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for the year 2010-11 within the department and agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.	Written	ATO	15/12/2011	9/02/2012
76		76. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for the year 2010-11 from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.	6/01/2012			9/02/2012	
77		77. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for the year 2010-11 from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.	20/12/2011			9/02/2012	
78		78. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for the year 2010-11 from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.	20/12/2011			9/02/2012	
79		79. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services FYTD within the department and agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.	15/12/2011			9/02/2012	
80		80. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services FYTD from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.	15/12/2011			9/02/2012	
81		81. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services FYTD from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.	15/12/2011			9/02/2012	

82			82. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services FYTD from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.			15/12/2011	9/02/2012
83	Bushby	ATO Education Expenses	83. For the year 2010-11, detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for each portfolio department and agency. Include what type of course, the total cost, cost per participant, how many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant.	Written	ATO	6/01/2012	9/02/2012
84			84. For the FYTD, detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for each portfolio department and agency. Include what type of course, the total cost, cost per participant, how many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant.			6/01/2012	9/02/2012
85	Bushby	ATO Executive Coaching and Leadership Training - 2010-11	85. In relation to the purchase of executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each portfolio department and agency, please provide the following information for the year 2010-11: a) Total spending on these services b) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification c) The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted d) The names of all service providers engaged	Written	ATO	15/12/2011	9/02/2012
86			86. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (d) above, please provide: a) The name and nature of the service purchased b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification d) The total number of hours involved for all employees e) The total amount spent on the service f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)			15/12/2011	9/02/2012
87			87. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: a) The location used b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location			15/12/2011	9/02/2012

88	Bushby	ATO Executive Coaching and Leadership Training - FYTD	88. In relation to the purchase of executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each portfolio department and agency, please provide the following information FYTD: a) Total spending on these services b) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification c) The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted d) The names of all service providers engaged	Written	ATO	15/12/2011	9/02/2012
89			89. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (d) above, please provide: a) The name and nature of the service purchased b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification d) The total number of hours involved for all employees e) The total amount spent on the service f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)			15/12/2011	9/02/2012
90			90. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: a) The location used b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location			15/12/2011	9/02/2012
91	Bushby	ATO Paid Parental Leave	91. Please list how many staff in each portfolio department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme?	Written	ATO	20/12/2011	9/02/2012
92			92. For the year 2010-11 list which portfolio department and agencies are providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? a) Please list how many staff are in receipt of these payments.			15/12/2011	9/02/2012
93			93. For the FYTD list which portfolio department and agencies are providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? a) Please list how many staff are in receipt of these payments.			15/12/2011	9/02/2012

94	Bushby	ATO Corporate Cars	94. How cars are owned by each department and agency in your portfolio? a) Where is the car/s located? b) What is the car/s used for? c) What is the cost of each car for 2010-11? d).How far did each car travel in 2010-11?	Written	ATO	7/12/2011	9/02/2012
95	Bushby	ATO Taxi Costs	95. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis in 2010-11? a) Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency	Written	ATO	7/12/2011	9/02/2012
96	Bushby	ATO Credit Cards	96. How many staff in each department and agency have a corporate credit card? a) What is their classification?	Written	ATO	15/12/2011	9/02/2012
97			97. What action is taken if the corporate credit card is misused?			15/12/2011	9/02/2012
98			98. How is corporate credit card use monitored?			15/12/2011	9/02/2012
99			99. What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered?			15/12/2011	9/02/2012
100			100. Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered? a) List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken.			15/12/2011	9/02/2012
101			101. What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse?			15/12/2011	9/02/2012
102	Bushby	ATO Carbon Price Legislation	102. How was your department/agency consulted in the development of the carbon price package?	Written	ATO	15/12/2011	9/02/2012
103			103. Is the carbon price package consistent with all of the policies in your department/agency?			15/12/2011	9/02/2012
104	Bushby	ATO Communications	104. How many communications people are there in each of your departments and agencies? List their classification, position description, services they provide to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and any guidelines they must adhere to.	Written	ATO	15/12/2011	9/02/2012

105	Williams	ASIC Investigates	<p>Senator WILLIAMS: The problem is that we cannot get explanations. I remember, probably eight months ago, asking Mr Marcellus to contact a person in Adelaide. I took one of your representatives there two years ago, where all the documents were laid out—the PPB and so on. Eight months ago I asked your representative to ring this person and explain why no action had been taken. Four months ago, I rang Mr Marcellus and said, 'Have you spoken to this bloke?' He said, 'No, I will.' I spoke to the man yesterday and he still has not had a call. People have problems, we bring the problems to you and we get vague answers and no explanations for the people who are complaining. People, whether it is those who dealt with Mr Burt or those who dealt with Mr Max? in Adelaide, get no explanations. This is one of the frustrating things where people make sworn statements on the Bible of wrongdoing, but we cannot get any detail. I do not know how you are going to fix this problem, but we need to have some explanations for the public, who are concerned about these issues, instead of not being able to comment on this issue.</p> <p>Mr Day: If I may respond, we can look into any isolated examples you speak about. Again, to put some of these things in context, as we have briefed you on before, if I use the last full financial year as an example, 15,000 reports of misconduct came to ASIC.</p> <p>Senator WILLIAMS: Fifteen thousand?</p> <p>Mr Day: When I say reports of misconduct—</p> <p>Mr Dwyer: We are talking total complaints.</p> <p>Mr Day: We are talking about total matters brought to our attention. Again, of those a large percentage are resolved on the spot—we can assist the person on the spot; a large number of those have no evidence; a large number of those have no breach identified in the material we get. But in every case we endeavour to get back to them and give them reasons for our decisions if we are not able to action the matter further. The thing that needs to be noted is that there are two circumstances that generally apply, which I am sure you will appreciate. The first is, of course, that not every matter brought to ASIC's attention requires ASIC's action. I am sure you would appreciate that.</p> <p>Senator WILLIAMS: I am sure that is true, yes. You are probably also dealing with angry people who are broke and want to take it out on someone. I understand that totally.</p> <p>Mr Day: But also we have people who come to us just with concerns of a general nature, say between two directors of the same company who now do not like each other and effectively want us to mediate between them.</p> <p>Senator WILLIAMS: It happens in marriages too.</p>	20/11/11 - pg 89-90	ASIC	13/02/2012	9/02/2012
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106	Cormann	Henry Tax Review - recommendations	<p>Senator CORMANN: Here is, on the record, a question—take it on notice, please: out of the 138 recommendations made, can you provide us with the list of those implemented in full, partially implemented or not implemented?</p> <p>Senator Sherry: We will take it on notice. We will not be that prescriptive about the set-out; that is the prerogative of the Treasurer. But we will take it on notice.</p>	20 October 2011 - Page 130	TSD	27/01/2012	9/02/2012

107	Cormann	Henry Tax Review - implemented measures	<p>Senator CORMANN: Now this is a quick one and I suspect you might have to take it on notice, but the government has claimed that it has implemented 32 of the 138 Henry tax review recommendations. We struggle to identify all of the 32 measures the government says they have implemented. Could we get a consolidated list from Treasury of the 32 Henry tax review recommendations that the government has said they have implemented?</p> <p>Mr Heferen: We will take that on notice to provide it</p>	20 October 2011 - Page 129	TSD	27/01/2012	9/02/2012
108	Cormann	costing super measures for 2014/15	<p>Mr Heferen: I had taken from the earlier discussion, without being pedantic, that the things that were taken on notice were for all these measures the costs for 2014-15.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Can we take it as read—we will gain a lot of time from this—that you have taken on notice for all these measures the information for 2014-15?</p> <p>Mr Heferen: Yes.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: I do not mean to be pedantic either, but it would be very helpful if that information could be provided sooner than three or four months down the track.</p> <p>Mr Heferen: I am sure you are familiar with the process when we take a question on notice.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Yes, I am very familiar with the process and I am sure you are familiar with the options the Senate has to accelerate the process if the Senate so chooses</p>	20 October 2011 - Page 112	TAD		
109	Cormann	Monash University carbon tax modelling	<p>Senator CORMANN: The Productivity Commission, in relation to some work on the national reform agenda, also had a contract with Monash University and that contract—pre-2007—required the possibility of public release of all of the relevant information. You are now saying that your contract does not allow public release of that information. If Monash University is comfortable about the MMRF model information to be released, is it at the insistence of Treasury and or the government that the information is not being released in relation to the carbon tax modelling or is it at the insistence of Monash University? Who is insisting that the information not be made publicly available?</p> <p>Ms Quinn: My recollection is I took this question on notice at another committee. I unfortunately do not have that answer with me, so I am happy to take it on notice again and provide you with a relevant reference.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: I ask you to bear in mind too that the Senate will be required to deal with this legislation from 31 October onwards, so it would be helpful within the scope of what is possible if we then do not have to wait for three months.</p>	20 October 2011 - Page 40	MMD	8/02/2012	9/02/2012

			<p>Senator Wong: But, Senator, you do not care. You have already told us what you are going to do.</p> <p>Ms Quinn: We will take it on notice.</p>				
110	Cormann	PRRT	<p>Senator CORMANN: If there is revenue that is expected to flow from the proposed onshore expansion of the PRRT, why has that never been identified anywhere? I urge you again to reflect on that question. I do not want to waste too much time on it now. If there is a proposal to be considered by parliament to legislate the onshore expansion of the PRRT, surely we would be entitled to know what the Treasury expects the revenue would be that would flow from that specific measure. If you could take that on notice again and reflect on it in that context—</p> <p>Mr Heferen: Could I just make one observation: there is the issue about where you have a tax head and there are relatively few taxpayers. There are the secrecy provisions around ensuring that no public information can reveal the tax paid by a particular taxpayer—</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: There is the same problem with the offshore component of the PRRT. The government tells us that there are only a few taxpayers who would pay the MRRT, so that is no different, I would have thought. In fact, there were the changes in the 2008-09 budget that were made by the government to the treatment of condensate, which was a \$2½ billion increase in revenue from that one measure that applied to a single taxpayer.</p> <p>Mr Heferen: But that was a question of an increase in what had been paid rather than talking about the extension onshore—</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: It is the same principle. I do not want to waste time because we do not have enough time.</p> <p>Mr Heferen: I understand, so we will take that on notice.</p>	20 October 2011 - Page 122	BTD	15/02/2012	9/02/2012

111	Boswell	Monash University/Treasury contract cost	<p>Senator BOSWELL: Turning to the MRRF model, I note that in answers to questions on notice from the Senate Select Committee on the Scrutiny of New Taxes, the Treasury has stated that 'it has entered into two contracts with Monash University to undertake both CPRS and carbon tax modelling'. How much did these contracts cost?</p> <p>Ms Quinn: I am happy to take that on notice. I do not have the precise figures with me.</p> <p>Senator BOSWELL: I will ask the minister. Will the government negotiate a new contract with Monash to allow the version of MMRF model used by Treasury to be released so it can be subject to public scrutiny? We have asked for the GTEM model to be released; now we are asking for the MMRF model.</p> <p>Senator Wong: I have two points. One is: I do not propose in any context to give evidence about what might or might not be the subject of commercial negotiations. In relation to the precise detail of the question, I will take that on notice.</p>	20 October 2011 - Page 45	MMD	31/01/2012	9/02/2012
112	Cormann	Cumulative reduction in Australia's GDP between now and 2050	<p>Senator CORMANN: With a discount rate of zero, what is the cumulative cost in terms of the reduction in economic growth? Compared to the GDP without a carbon tax and an Emissions Trading Scheme, what is the cumulative reduction in Australia's GDP between now and 2050 with a discount rate of zero?</p> <p>Ms Quinn: I do not have that number with me but I am happy to take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: So you have not calculated the total cost of the carbon tax to the economy?</p>	20 October 2011 - Page 28	MMD	19/01/2012	9/02/2012
113	Cormann	FOI Requests	<p>Senator CORMANN: Moving on to FOI requests, how many documents has the department published under the changes to the FOI Act that came into effect on 1 May—under the Information Publication Scheme?</p> <p>Ms Balzary: We will have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Is there a backlog at present of documents to be released under the Information Publication Scheme?</p> <p>Ms Balzary: I am sorry; I thought you had a specific area you were interested in under FOI. Are you after general numbers?</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: I am asking you about the number of documents the department has published under the changes to the FOI Act that came into effect on 1 May—that is, under the Information Publication Scheme.</p> <p>Dr Parkinson: Can we clarify—you would like the number of documents, rather than FOI requests that we responded to?</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Actual documents, yes.</p> <p>Dr Parkinson: We would have to find out how many documents there</p>	20 October 2011 - Page 20	MCD	7/02/2012	9/02/2012

			<p>are.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Would you be able to tell me whether there is a backlog at present?</p> <p>Senator Wong: What do you mean by backlog?</p> <p>Ms Balzary: There is no backlog. We have active FOI requests at the moment but we do not have a publishing backlog.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: That was the question.</p> <p>Ms Balzary: Any decision that has been taken has been published.</p>				
114	Cormann	Increase in MCD staffing numbers	<p>Senator CORMANN: So the increase in staffing numbers in the Ministerial and Communications Division from 43 to 49 has not been caused by the increased level of interaction with the Independents and the Greens, then?</p> <p>Dr Parkinson: No.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: So what are the additional six positions for?</p> <p>Dr Parkinson: A fair chunk of them are FOI-related.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Six additional positions for FOI?</p> <p>Dr Parkinson: Not six, but a reasonable number.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Maybe you could break down the additional six positions for us and what they do.</p> <p>Ms Balzary: Yes, I can do that. It is probably easier to work that through on notice—</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Can you do that for us now?</p> <p>Ms Balzary: Yes, it is complicated because there have been some positions that have moved into the division from elsewhere in the department, so some staff—</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: So overall there would be an increase of more than six.</p> <p>Ms Balzary: No, of the six.</p> <p>Senator Wong: Senator, we have taken on notice the structure, the classifications, salary levels, et cetera, associated with this unit. I am happy for you to add to that, Senator.</p>	20 October 2011 - Page 24	MCD	7/02/2012	9/02/2012

115	Cormann	Salary costs - up to EI2	<p>Senator CORMANN: You agreed to take on notice the question on salary costs. You asked whether I was looking for average salary rather than bands. How hard would it be to get both?</p> <p>Dr Parkinson: The bands are public.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: If you could put them against each other that would be good.</p> <p>Dr Parkinson: The reason I asked the question is the bands are public and we can have that up here for you for 11.15.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: It would be useful to have the average salary per position against the band information that is public.</p> <p>Dr Parkinson: We will get that for you.</p> <p>Mr Donelly: If it is of any use, I have the bands—</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: I would rather have the information that was put on notice, where the bands and the salary averages are next to each other.</p> <p>Dr Parkinson: We will do that for you.</p>	20 October 2011 - Page 22 - 23	FFMD	7/02/2012	9/02/2012
116	Abetz	Fair Work Act	116. Has the Productivity Commission informed itself on any issues with the Fair Work Act? a) If so, please provide any information including any recommendations or suggested courses of action.	Written	PC	22/12/2011	9/02/2012
117			117. How is the Fair Work Act working?			22/12/2011	9/02/2012
118			118. Are there any concerns with the Fair Work Act? a) If so, please provide details.			22/12/2011	9/02/2012
119			119. Has the Productivity Commission produced any information – either internal or external – on how the Fair Work Act could be improved to have a greater benefit on Productivity? a) If so, what? b) If so, can that information be provided? – if so, please provide with answer.			22/12/2011	9/02/2012
120			120. Does the Productivity Commission believe that half a million jobs can be created between July 2011 and July 2012?			22/12/2011	9/02/2012
121	Bushby	Productivity Commission Staffing - Financial Year to Date	121. How many permanent staff recruited this FYTD? a) What classification are these staff?	Written	PC	22/12/2011	9/02/2012
122			121. How many temporary positions exist or have been created this FYTD?			22/12/2011	9/02/2012
123			122. This FYTD, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?			22/12/2011	9/02/2012

124	Bushby	Productivity Commission Staffing - 2010-11	124. How many permanent staff recruited for the year 2010-11? a) What classification are these staff?	Written	PC	22/12/2011	9/02/2012
125			125. How many temporary positions exist or have been created for the year 2010-11?			22/12/2011	9/02/2012
126			126. For the year 2010-11, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?			22/12/2011	9/02/2012
127	Bushby	Productivity Commission Staff Reduction	127. Are there any plans for staff reduction? a) If so, please advise details ie. reduction target, how this will be achieved, services/programs to be cut etc.	Written	PC	22/12/2011	9/02/2012
128			128. If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.			22/12/2011	9/02/2012
129	Bushby	Productivity Commission Efficiency Dividend	129. How has the efficiency dividend been implemented?	Written	PC	22/12/2011	9/02/2012
130			130. Please list where and what spending has been reduced to meet the efficiency dividend.			22/12/2011	9/02/2012
131	Bushby	Productivity Commission Government Advertising	131. What advertising – Campaign and Non-Campaign – did the Department/Agency undertaken in 2011-12? Provide details of each advertising, including the program the advertising was for, the total spend and the business that provided the advertising services.	Written	PC	22/12/2011	9/02/2012
132			132. Did the Department of Finance and Deregulation provide any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item.			22/12/2011	9/02/2012
133			133. Did the Advertising comply with the Guidelines on Information and Advertising Campaigns by Australian Government Departments and Agencies (March 2010)? Provide the details for each advertising item.			22/12/2011	9/02/2012
134			134. Provide details for any other communications program, including details of the program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services.			22/12/2011	9/02/2012
135			135. What advertising – Campaign and Non-Campaign – and other communications programs is the Department/Agency undertaking, or are planning to undertake?			22/12/2011	9/02/2012
136	Bushby	Productivity Commission Hospitality	136. What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for the year 2010-11? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events	Written	PC	22/12/2011	9/02/2012
137			137. What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.			22/12/2011	9/02/2012
138	Bushby	Productivity Commission	138. What is the Department's entertainment spend for the year 2010-11? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.	Written	PC	7/02/2012	9/02/2012

139		Entertainment	139. What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.			7/02/2012	9/02/2012
140	Cormann	Royalties	<p>Senator Cormann: Why did the Treasurer think it was necessary—and I commend the Treasurer for having done it—to provide you with a direction to override your normal methodology to ensure that the outcome I have just described did not eventuate?</p> <p>Mr Spasojevic: You will have to ask the Treasurer.</p> <p>Senator Sherry: Exactly. I am going to have to take that on notice, since you are asking for the Treasurer's view. I am happy to take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: But with all due respect, Mr Spasojevic, I understand that you have a job to do but I urge you to assist the committee within the professional confines that are appropriate. You have reflected on the exact issue that I have just talked about in the update report that was issued not by the Treasurer but by the Commonwealth Grants Commission. In that Commonwealth Grants Commission update report you have reflected on the dynamic that I have just talked about, so I would urge you to consider carefully how you can assist the committee in providing an answer to the questions that I have asked.</p> <p>Senator Sherry: We can take it on notice. We have received your urgings, and if we can help you we will try to assist you.</p>	Written	CSRD	8/02/2012	9/02/2012
141	Bushby	Productivity Commission Freedom of Information	141. Has the Department/agency received any advice on how to respond to FOI requests?	Written	PC	16/02/2012	9/02/2012
142			142. . How many FOI requests has the Department received for the year 2010-11? a) How many have been granted or denied?			16/02/2012	9/02/2012
143			143. How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests for the year 2010-11?			16/02/2012	9/02/2012
144			144. How many FOI requests has the Department received for this FYTD? a) How many have been granted or denied?			16/02/2012	9/02/2012
145			145. How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests for this FYTD?			16/02/2012	9/02/2012

146	Bushby	Productivity Commission Reviews	146. For the year 2010-11, how many Reviews were being undertaken by all departments and agencies in each portfolio? a) When will each of these reviews be concluded? b) What reviews have been concluded? c) Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? d) When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? e) What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews?	Written	PC	21/12/2011	9/02/2012
147			147. For this financial year to date, what reviews are planned? a) When will each of these reviews be concluded? b) What reviews have been concluded this FYTD? c) Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? d) When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? e) What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews?			21/12/2011	9/02/2012
148	Bushby	Productivity Commission Consultancies	148. How many consultancies were undertaken in 2010-11? a) Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). b) Also include total value for all consultancies.	Written	PC	22/12/2011	9/02/2012
149			149. Were there any changes to any of the portfolio's tenders in 2010-11? Detail any changes			22/12/2011	9/02/2012
150			150. How many consultancies have been undertaken or are underway this FYTD? a) Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). b) Also include total value for all consultancies.			22/12/2011	9/02/2012
151			151. Does each department and agency stand by its current tenders on the Austenders website? a) Have any changes or corrections been made for any tenders advertised on to Government Tenders website (www.tenders.gov.au) for tenders advertised this financial year? Explain. b) Are up to date with reporting requirements?			22/12/2011	9/02/2012
152			152. How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? a) Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? b) In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.			22/12/2011	9/02/2012

153	Bushby	Productivity Commission Media Monitoring	153. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office for the year 2010-11? a) Which agency or agencies provided these services? b) What is the estimated budget to provide this same services for the year 2011-12? c) What has been spent providing these services FYTD?	Written	PC	22/12/2011	9/02/2012
154			154. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Department and its agencies for the year 2010-11? a) Which agency or agencies provided these services? b) What is the estimated budget to provide this same services for the year 2011-12? c) What has been spent providing these services FYTD?			22/12/2011	9/02/2012
155	Bushby	Productivity Commission Social Media	155. Has there been any changes to department and agency social media or protocols about staff access and useage of Youtube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs since May 2011? Please explain.	Written	PC	7/02/2012	9/02/2012
156	Bushby	Productivity Commission Contractors	Since May 2011: 156. Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details.	Written	PC	22/12/2011	9/02/2012
157			157. Has the department/agency ever employed Shannon's Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon's Way? If yes, provide details.			22/12/2011	9/02/2012
158			158. Has the department/agency ever employed John Utting & UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting & UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details.			22/12/2011	9/02/2012
159			159. Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details.			22/12/2011	9/02/2012
160			160. Has the department/agency ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details.			22/12/2011	9/02/2012
161			161. Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details.			22/12/2011	9/02/2012
162			162. Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details.			22/12/2011	9/02/2012

163			163. Has the department/agency ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details.			22/12/2011	9/02/2012
164			164. Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details			22/12/2011	9/02/2012
165	Bushby	Productivity Commission Discretionary Grants	165. Could the Department provide a list of all discretionary grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for the year 2010-11? Please provide details of the recipients, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants.	Written	PC	22/12/2011	9/02/2012
166			166. Could the Department provide a list of all discretionary grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants FYTD? Please provide details of the recipients, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants.			22/12/2011	9/02/2012
167			167. Has the Department complied with interim requirements relating to the publication of discretionary grants?			22/12/2011	9/02/2012
168	Bushby	Productivity Commission Commissioned Reports	168. How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your portfolio for the year 2010-11? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members. a) How much did each report cost? b) How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level? c) What is the current status of each report? d) When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?	Written	PC	21/12/2011	9/02/2012
169			169. How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your portfolio FYTD? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members. a) How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? b) How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level? c) What is the current status of each report? d).When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?			21/12/2011	9/02/2012

170	Bushby	Productivity Commission Government Payments of Accounts	170. For the year 2010-11, did the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e.within 30 days)? If not, why not, a) what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached.) b) For accounts not paid within 30 days, was interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency for the current financial year and the previous financial year? c) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?	Written	PC	22/12/2011	9/02/2012
171			171. For the FYTD, has the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e.within 30 days)? If not, why not, a) what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached. b) For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency for the current financial year and the previous financial year? c) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?			22/12/2011	9/02/2012
172	Bushby	Productivity Commission Government Stationery Requirements	172. How much was spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio (i.e. paper, envelopes, with compliments slips) in 2010-11?	Written	PC	14/02/2012	9/02/2012
173			173. What is the estimated cost for 2011-12?			14/02/2012	9/02/2012
174	Bushby	Productivity Commission Media Subscriptions	174. Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to pay TV (for example Foxtel)? a) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels. b) What was the cost for 2010-11? c) What is the estimated cost for 2011-12?	Written	PC	22/12/2011	9/02/2012

175			175. Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to newspapers? a) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers. b) What was the cost for 2010-11? c) What is the estimated cost for 2011-12?			22/12/2011	9/02/2012
176			176. Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to magazines? a) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines. b) What was the cost for 2010-11? c) What is the estimated cost for 2011-12?			22/12/2011	9/02/2012
177	Bushby	Productivity Commission Travel Costs	177. For the year 2010-11, please detail all travel (itemised separately) undertaken by employees of each department and agency within each portfolio. Include details of what the travel was for, what cost was spent on travel (including travel type – i.e. business airfare), accommodation, security, food, beverages (alcohol listed separately), gifts, entertainment, and all other expenses.	Written	PC	21/12/2011	9/02/2012
178			178. For the year FYTD, please detail all travel (itemised separately) undertaken by employees of each department and agency within each portfolio. Include details of what the travel was for, what cost was spent on travel (including travel type – i.e. business airfare), accommodation, security, food, beverages (alcohol listed separately), gifts, entertainment, and all other expenses.			21/12/2011	9/02/2012
179	Bushby	Productivity Commission Legal Costs	179. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for the year 2010-11 within the department and agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.	Written	PC	19/01/2012	9/02/2012
180			180. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for the year 2010-11 from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.			19/01/2012	9/02/2012
181			181. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for the year 2010-11 from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.			19/01/2012	9/02/2012
182			182. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for the year 2010-11 from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.			19/01/2012	9/02/2012
183			183. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services FYTD within the department and agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.			19/01/2012	9/02/2012

184			184. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services FYTD from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.			19/01/2012	9/02/2012
185			185. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services FYTD from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.			19/01/2012	9/02/2012
186			186. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services FYTD from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.			19/01/2012	9/02/2012
187	Bushby	Productivity Commission Education Expenses	187. For the year 2010-11, detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for each portfolio department and agency. Include what type of course, the total cost, cost per participant, how many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant.	Written	PC	31/01/2012	9/02/2012
188			188. For the FYTD, detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for each portfolio department and agency. Include what type of course, the total cost, cost per participant, how many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant.			31/01/2012	9/02/2012
189	Bushby	Productivity Commission Executive Coaching and Leadership Training - 2010-11	189. In relation to the purchase of executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each portfolio department and agency, please provide the following information for the year 2010-11: a) Total spending on these services b) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification c) The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted d) The names of all service providers engaged	Written	PC	31/01/2012	9/02/2012
190			190. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (d) above, please provide: a) The name and nature of the service purchased b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification d) The total number of hours involved for all employees e) The total amount spent on the service f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)			31/01/2012	9/02/2012

191			191. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: a) The location used b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location			31/01/2012	9/02/2012
192	Bushby	Productivity Commission Executive Coaching and Leadership Training - FYTD	192. In relation to the purchase of executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each portfolio department and agency, please provide the following information FYTD: a) Total spending on these services b) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification c) The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted d) The names of all service providers engaged	Written	PC	31/01/2012	9/02/2012
193			193. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (d) above, please provide: a) The name and nature of the service purchased b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification d) The total number of hours involved for all employees e) The total amount spent on the service f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)			31/01/2012	9/02/2012
194			194. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: a) The location used b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location			31/01/2012	9/02/2012
195	Bushby	Productivity Commission Paid Parental Leave	195. Please list how many staff in each portfolio department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme?	Written	PC	31/01/2012	9/02/2012
196			196. For the year 2010-11 list which portfolio department and agencies are providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? a) Please list how many staff are in receipt of these payments.			31/01/2012	9/02/2012

197			197. For the FYTD list which portfolio department and agencies are providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? a) Please list how many staff are in receipt of these payments.			31/01/2012	9/02/2012
198	Bushby	Productivity Commission Corporate Cars	198. How cars are owned by each department and agency in your portfolio? a) Where is the car/s located? b) What is the car/s used for? c) What is the cost of each car for 2010-11? d).How far did each car travel in 2010-11?	Written	PC	31/01/2012	9/02/2012
199	Bushby	Productivity Commission Taxi Costs	199. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis in 2010-11? a) Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency	Written	PC	21/12/2011	9/02/2012
200	Bushby	Productivity Commission Credit Cards	200. How many staff in each department and agency have a corporate credit card? a) What is their classification?	Written	PC	31/01/2012	9/02/2012
201			201. What action is taken if the corporate credit card is misused?			31/01/2012	9/02/2012
202			202. How is corporate credit card use monitored?			31/01/2012	9/02/2012
203			203. What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered?			31/01/2012	9/02/2012
204			204. Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered? a) List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken.			31/01/2012	9/02/2012
205			205. What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse?			31/01/2012	9/02/2012
206	Bushby	Productivity Commission Carbon Price Legislation	206. How was your department/agency consulted in the development of the carbon price package?	Written	PC	21/12/2011	9/02/2012
207			207. Is the carbon price package consistent with all of the policies in your department/agency?			21/12/2011	9/02/2012
208	Bushby	Productivity Commission Communications	208. How many communications people are there in each of your departments and agencies? List their classification, position description, services they provide to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and any guidelines they must adhere to.	Written	PC	31/01/2012	9/02/2012

209	Xenophon	Agricultural Land Survey	209. The sample size of the agricultural land survey was 11,000 agricultural businesses, from a total population of approximately 165,000 agricultural businesses. a) Is a 6.6 percent sample size of the total population really considered representative? b) And, only 92% responded, so in actual fact the sample size was just 10,120 ... 6.1 percent of the total population of 165,000 agricultural businesses.	Written	ABS	21/12/2011	9/02/2012
210			210. Of the sample size, where were they located? Is that proportionate to the total number of agricultural businesses?			21/12/2011	9/02/2012
211			211. Of the sample size, what businesses did they operate? Is that proportionate to the total number of agricultural businesses?			21/12/2011	9/02/2012
212			212. What were the questions that were asked of these businesses?			21/12/2011	9/02/2012
213			213. How much was spent on conducting this survey?			21/12/2011	9/02/2012
214			214. Considering the expense, do you think it was a wasted exercise not to obtain and collate more information?			21/12/2011	9/02/2012
215	Bob Brown	Foreign Ownership of Australian Companies	215. Are there any plans to collect more data on foreign ownership of Australian companies (by industry) and assets?	Written	ABS		
216	Siewert	Using Aboriginal Interpreters to Collect Census Data	216. What was the estimated total cost for provision of interpreting services across all languages other than English within the 2011 Census?	Written	ABS	15/02/2012	9/02/2012
217			217. What was the estimated total cost of provision on interpreting services in Aboriginal languages within the 2011 Census?			15/02/2012	9/02/2012
218			218. How do each of these figures for question 1 and 2 compare with funding arrangements within the 2005 Census?			15/02/2012	9/02/2012
219			219. For how many Aboriginal languages were there interpreting services provided in the 2011 Census?			15/02/2012	9/02/2012
220			220. How many Aboriginal people utilised interpreting services within the 2011 Census?			15/02/2012	9/02/2012
221	Nash	Agricultural Ownership Statistics	221. With regard to the ABS agricultural ownership statistics – Did the ABS collect information that would allow them to show ownership of capacity and capacity utilisation? Ie. By using business turnover and taxable income as a proxy valuation.	Written	ABS	9/12/2011	9/02/2012
222			222. Does the ABS have any data on downstream processing of agricultural outputs and information on suppliers of inputs such as fertilisers?.			9/12/2011	9/02/2012

223	Colbeck	Statistics on Food Consumption	223. The Australian Bureau of Statistics used to compile statistics on apparent consumption of selected food in Australia every ten years, but the latest data for vegetable consumption is 1998-99. a) Why did this information cease being compiled? b) Who has responsibility for this information now?	Written	ABS	7/02/2012	9/02/2012
224	Bushby	ABS Staffing - Financial Year to Date	224. How many permanent staff recruited this FYTD? a) What classification are these staff?	Written	ABS	9/12/2011	9/02/2012
225			225. How many temporary positions exist or have been created this FYTD?			9/12/2011	9/02/2012
226			226. This FYTD, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?			9/12/2011	9/02/2012
227	Bushby	ABS Staffing - 2010-11	227. How many permanent staff recruited for the year 2010-11? a) What classification are these staff?	Written	ABS	31/01/2012	9/02/2012
228			228. How many temporary positions exist or have been created for the year 2010-11?			31/01/2012	9/02/2012
229			229. For the year 2010-11, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?			31/01/2012	9/02/2012
230	Bushby	ABS Staff Reduction	230. Are there any plans for staff reduction? a) If so, please advise details ie. reduction target, how this will be achieved, services/programs to be cut etc.	Written	ABS	9/12/2011	9/02/2012
231			231. If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.			9/12/2011	9/02/2012
232	Bushby	ABS Efficiency Dividend	232. How has the efficiency dividend been implemented?	Written	ABS	7/12/2011	9/02/2012
233			233. Please list where and what spending has been reduced to meet the efficiency dividend.			7/12/2011	9/02/2012
234	Bushby	ABS Government Advertising	234. What advertising – Campaign and Non-Campaign – did the Department/Agency undertaken in 2011-12? Provide details of each advertising, including the program the advertising was for, the total spend and the business that provided the advertising services.	Written	ABS	7/02/2012	9/02/2012
235			235. Did the Department of Finance and Deregulation provide any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item.			7/02/2012	9/02/2012
236			236. Did the Advertising comply with the Guidelines on Information and Advertising Campaigns by Australian Government Departments and Agencies (March 2010)? Provide the details for each advertising item.			7/02/2012	9/02/2012
237			237. Provide details for any other communications program, including details of the program, the total spend and the business that provided			7/02/2012	9/02/2012

			the communication services.				
238			238. What advertising – Campaign and Non-Campaign – and other communications programs is the Department/Agency undertaking, or are planning to undertake?			7/02/2012	9/02/2012
239	Bushby	ABS Hospitality	239. What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for the year 2010-11? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events	Written	ABS	21/12/2011	9/02/2012
240			240. What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.			21/12/2011	9/02/2012
241	Bushby	ABS Entertainment	241. What is the Department's entertainment spend for the year 2010-11? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.	Written	ABS	15/02/2012	1/03/2012
242			242. What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.			15/02/2012	1/03/2012
243	Bushby	ABS Communications	243. How many communications people are there in each of your departments and agencies? List their classification, position description, services they provide to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and any guidelines they must adhere to.	Written	ABS	31/01/2012	9/02/2012
244	Bushby	ABS Freedom of Information	244. Has the Department/agency received any advice on how to respond to FOI requests?	Written	ABS	21/12/2011	9/02/2012
245			245. . How many FOI requests has the Department received for the year 2010-11? a) How many have been granted or denied?			21/12/2011	9/02/2012
246			246. How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests for the year 2010-11?			21/12/2011	9/02/2012
247			247. How many FOI requests has the Department received for this FYTD? a) How many have been granted or denied?			21/12/2011	9/02/2012
248			248. How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests for this FYTD?			21/12/2011	9/02/2012
249	Bushby	ABS Reviews	249. For the year 2010-11, how many Reviews were being undertaken by all departments and agencies in each portfolio? a) When will each of these reviews be concluded? b) What reviews have been concluded? c) Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? d) When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? e) What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews?	Written	ABS	31/01/2012	9/02/2012

250			250. For this financial year to date, what reviews are planned? a) When will each of these reviews be concluded? b) What reviews have been concluded this FYTD? c) Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? d) When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? e) What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews?			31/01/2012	9/02/2012
251	Bushby	ABS Consultancies	251. How many consultancies were undertaken in 2010-11? a) Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). b) Also include total value for all consultancies.	Written	ABS	9/12/2011	9/02/2012
252		252. Were there any changes to any of the portfolio's tenders in 2010-11? Detail any changes	9/12/2011			9/02/2012	
253		253. How many consultancies have been undertaken or are underway this FYTD? a) Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). b) Also include total value for all consultancies.	9/12/2011			9/02/2012	
254		254. Does each department and agency stand by its current tenders on the Austenders website? a) Have any changes or corrections been made for any tenders advertised on to Government Tenders website (www.tenders.gov.au) for tenders advertised this financial year? Explain. b) Are up to date with reporting requirements?	9/12/2011			9/02/2012	
255		255. How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? a) Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? b) In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.	9/12/2011			9/02/2012	
256	Bushby	ABS Media Monitoring	256. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office for the year 2010-11? a) Which agency or agencies provided these services? b) What is the estimated budget to provide this same services for the year 2011-12? c) What has been spent providing these services FYTD?	Written		31/01/2012	9/02/2012

257			257. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Department and its agencies for the year 2010-11? a) Which agency or agencies provided these services? b) What is the estimated budget to provide this same services for the year 2011-12? c) What has been spent providing these services FYTD?			31/01/2012	9/02/2012
258	Bushby	ABS Social Media	258. Has there been any changes to department and agency social media or protocols about staff access and useage of Youtube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs since May 2011? Please explain.	Written	ABS	31/01/2012	9/02/2012
259	Bushby	ABS Contractors	Since May 2011: 259. Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details.		ABS	9/12/2011	9/02/2012
260			260. Has the department/agency ever employed Shannon's Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon's Way? If yes, provide details.			9/12/2011	9/02/2012
261			261. Has the department/agency ever employed John Utting & UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting & UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details.			9/12/2011	9/02/2012
262			262. Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details.			9/12/2011	9/02/2012
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270			270. Has the Department complied with interim requirements relating to the publication of discretionary grants?			31/01/2012	9/02/2012
271	Bushby	ABS Commissioned Reports	271. How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your portfolio for the year 2010-11? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members. a) How much did each report cost? b) How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level? c) What is the current status of each report? d) When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?	Written	ABS	31/01/2012	9/02/2012
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273	Bushby	ABS Government Payments of Accounts	273. For the year 2010-11, did the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e.within 30 days)? If not, why not, a) what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached.) b) For accounts not paid within 30 days, was interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency for the current financial year and the previous financial year?	Written	ABS	7/12/2011	9/02/2012

			c) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?				
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275	Bushby	ABS Government Stationery Requirements	275. How much was spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio (i.e. paper, envelopes, with compliments slips) in 2010-11?	Written	ABS	7/12/2011	9/02/2012
276			276. What is the estimated cost for 2011-12?			7/12/2011	9/02/2012
277	Bushby	ABS Media Subscriptions	277. Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to pay TV (for example Foxtel)? a) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels. b) What was the cost for 2010-11? c) What is the estimated cost for 2011-12?	Written	ABS	9/12/2011	9/02/2012
278			278. Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to newspapers? a) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers. b) What was the cost for 2010-11? c) What is the estimated cost for 2011-12?			9/12/2011	9/02/2012

279			279. Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to magazines? a) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines. b) What was the cost for 2010-11? c) What is the estimated cost for 2011-12?			9/12/2011	9/02/2012
280	Bushby	ABS Travel Costs	280. For the year 2010-11, please detail all travel (itemised separately) undertaken by employees of each department and agency within each portfolio. Include details of what the travel was for, what cost was spent on travel (including travel type – i.e. business airfare), accommodation, security, food, beverages (alcohol listed separately), gifts, entertainment, and all other expenses.	Written	ABS	7/12/2011	9/02/2012
281			281. For the year FYTD, please detail all travel (itemised separately) undertaken by employees of each department and agency within each portfolio. Include details of what the travel was for, what cost was spent on travel (including travel type – i.e. business airfare), accommodation, security, food, beverages (alcohol listed separately), gifts, entertainment, and all other expenses.			7/12/2011	9/02/2012
282	Bushby	ABS Legal Costs	282. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for the year 2010-11 within the department and agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.	Written	ABS	15/02/2012	1/03/2012
283			283. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for the year 2010-11 from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.			15/02/2012	1/03/2012
284			284. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for the year 2010-11 from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.			15/02/2012	1/03/2012
285			285. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for the year 2010-11 from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.			15/02/2012	1/03/2012
286			286. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services FYTD within the department and agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.			15/02/2012	1/03/2012
287			287. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services FYTD from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.			15/02/2012	1/03/2012
288			288. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services FYTD from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.			15/02/2012	1/03/2012

289			289. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services FYTD from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.			15/02/2012	1/03/2012
290	Bushby	ABS Education Expenses	290. For the year 2010-11, detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for each portfolio department and agency. Include what type of course, the total cost, cost per participant, how many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant.	Written	ABS	9/12/2011	9/02/2012
291			291. For the FYTD, detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for each portfolio department and agency. Include what type of course, the total cost, cost per participant, how many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant.			9/12/2011	9/02/2012
292	Bushby	ABS Executive Coaching and Leadership Training - 2010-11	292. In relation to the purchase of executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each portfolio department and agency, please provide the following information for the year 2010-11: a) Total spending on these services b) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification c) The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted d) The names of all service providers engaged	Written	ABS	9/12/2011	9/02/2012
293			293. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (d) above, please provide: a) The name and nature of the service purchased b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification d) The total number of hours involved for all employees e) The total amount spent on the service f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)			9/12/2011	9/02/2012
294			294. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: a) The location used b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location			9/12/2011	9/02/2012

295	Bushby	ABS Executive Coaching and Leadership Training - Financial Year to Date	295. In relation to the purchase of executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each portfolio department and agency, please provide the following information FYTD: a) Total spending on these services b) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification c) The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted d) The names of all service providers engaged	Written	ABS	9/12/2011	9/02/2012
296			296. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (d) above, please provide: a) The name and nature of the service purchased b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification d) The total number of hours involved for all employees e) The total amount spent on the service f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)			9/12/2011	9/02/2012
297			297. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: a) The location used b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location			9/12/2011	9/02/2012
298	Bushby	ABS Paid Parental Leave	298. Please list how many staff in each portfolio department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme?	Written	ABS	9/12/2011	9/02/2012
299			299. For the year 2010-11 list which portfolio department and agencies are providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? a) Please list how many staff are in receipt of these payments.			9/12/2011	9/02/2012
300			300. For the FYTD list which portfolio department and agencies are providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? a) Please list how many staff are in receipt of these payments.			9/12/2011	9/02/2012

301	Bushby	ABS Corporate Cars	301. How cars are owned by each department and agency in your portfolio? a) Where is the car/s located? b) What is the car/s used for? c) What is the cost of each car for 2010-11? d).How far did each car travel in 2010-11?	Written	ABS	21/12/2011	9/02/2012
302	Bushby	ABS Taxi Costs	302. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis in 2010-11? a) Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency	Written	ABS	9/12/2011	9/02/2012
303	Bushby	ABS Credit Cards	303. How many staff in each department and agency have a corporate credit card? a) What is their classification?	Written	ABS	9/12/2011	9/02/2012
304			304. What action is taken if the corporate credit card is misused?			9/12/2011	9/02/2012
305			305. How is corporate credit card use monitored?			9/12/2011	9/02/2012
306			306. What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered?			9/12/2011	9/02/2012
307			307. Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered? a) List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken.			9/12/2011	9/02/2012
308			308. What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse?			9/12/2011	9/02/2012
309			Bushby			ABS Carbon Price Legislation	309. How was your department/agency consulted in the development of the carbon price package?
310	310. Is the carbon price package consistent with all of the policies in your department/agency?	16/02/2012		1/03/2012			
311	Bob Brown	GST Revenue	311. For each state, for how many years was it a “claimant state” and for how many years has it been a net beneficiary of the arrangements for allocating GST revenue?	Written	CGC	15/02/2012	1/03/2012
312	Bob Brown	GST Revenue #2	312. Can you provide annual estimates of the amount provided for each state under horizontal fiscal equalisation or similar principles since the Commission was established in 1933?	Written	CSRD	23/11/2011	9/02/2012
313	Williams	PPB Advisory	There was an article some time ago which highlighted the spending by PPB Advisory which is the receiver of Burrup Fertilizers. They allegedly collected \$5.1 million in fees for the June half, spent \$50,000 buying I pads and racked up travel and accommodation bills worth hundreds of thousands of dollars in just 5 months. PPB incurred \$4.5 million in legal fees and spent more than \$500,000 on overseas and domestic travel and accommodation 313. Has any complaint been lodged with ASIC about this spending?	Written	ASIC	16/02/2012	1/03/2012

314			314. Does ASIC believe the spending was excessive?			16/02/2012	1/03/2012
315			315. Does ASIC take an interest in such matters even though no complaint may have been made?			16/02/2012	1/03/2012
316	Bushby	Administrative Review Council (ARC) Good Practice Principles	316. Please provide a tabulated statement which itemises each of the 20 ARC good practice principles on the use of coercive powers by agencies against the various statements in the recent ASIC policy statement.	Written	ASIC	13/02/2012	1/03/2012
317			317. Do these projections factor in the last four to five years of poor returns? a) Are the ads comparing like with like? b) Did the industry funds seek ASIC approval for the placement of these adverts?			13/02/2012	1/03/2012
318			318. What discussions has had ASIC had with the industry during the past 6 months on the matter of false and misleading advertising which makes projections of returns for the next 20-30 years?			13/02/2012	1/03/2012
319			319. Is it fair and efficient if one sector of an industry is able to run these adverts whereas other sectors sees such an approach as false and misleading conduct and therefore does not feel it appropriate to run such adverts? a) And what does this sort of conduct do to 'build investor confidence'?			13/02/2012	1/03/2012
320	Ryan	Incorporated Small Businesses	320. For the financial years 2006-07; 2007-08; 2008-09; 2009-10; and 2010-11, how many small businesses were incorporated?	Written	ASIC		1/03/2012
321	Xenophon	ASIC Connect'	321. Mr Day, from ASIC, advised the committee at the Senate Estimates Hearing on 31 May 2011 that a program called "ASIC Connect", by which Australians will be able to search ASIC databases directly and purchase copies of public documents, was due to be launched in June 2012. Is June 2012 still the expected launch date?	Written	ASIC	16/02/2012	1/03/2012
322			322. The UK's Companies House makes all public records available via its website for the set price of £1, irrespective of the number of pages in the document. Currently, under the Corporations (Fees) Regulations 2001, fees for obtaining copies of documents are \$17 (Less than 10 pages) and \$33 (more than 10 pages). Third party brokers charge more, sometimes more than double the scheduled fee. What will Australians be charged under ASIC Connect for copies of documents held by ASIC?			16/02/2012	1/03/2012
323	Xenophon	Wellbeinggreen	323. What is the status of ASIC's investigations into Wellbeinggreen?	Written	ASIC	16/02/2012	1/03/2012

324			324. The administrators report states that approximately \$1 million was transferred from the company to the brother of a Director just before the company's collapse. The report alleges the money was transferred to set up phoenix companies, and the brother has moved to Pakistan, which is not a signatory to a key international insolvency regime. a) What monitoring does ASIC conduct of phoenix companies? In this instance, what actions can ASIC take to ensure the Directors of Wellbeinggreen don't set up shop again? b) How will creditors be prioritised?			16/02/2012	1/03/2012
325	Xenophon	Westpoint	325. How did ASIC notify potential creditors to Westpoint?	Written	ASIC	13/02/2012	1/03/2012
326		326. Is a website notice with a 5 working day deadline, and a small notice in a weekend newspaper considered "adequate" notice?	13/02/2012			1/03/2012	
327		327. Why did ASIC not write to all investors by mail to advise them of their potential eligibility to claims?	13/02/2012			1/03/2012	
328		328. How many creditors received funds?	13/02/2012			1/03/2012	
329		329. Does ASIC know how many did not – and how many of those were because they didn't respond to the notices by the deadline?	13/02/2012			1/03/2012	
330		330. For those who weren't aware of their eligibility until after the deadline, what recourse do they have now?	13/02/2012			1/03/2012	
331	Bushby	ASIC Staffing - Financial Year to Date	331. How many permanent staff recruited this FYTD? a) What classification are these staff?	Written	ASIC	13/02/2012	1/03/2012
332		332. How many temporary positions exist or have been created this FYTD?	13/02/2012			1/03/2012	
333		333. This FYTD, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?	13/02/2012			1/03/2012	
334	Bushby	ASIC Staffing - 2010-11	334. How many permanent staff recruited for the year 2010-11? a) What classification are these staff?	Written	ASIC	13/02/2012	1/03/2012
335		335. How many temporary positions exist or have been created for the year 2010-11?	13/02/2012			1/03/2012	
336		336. For the year 2010-11, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?	13/02/2012			1/03/2012	
337	Bushby	ASIC Staff Reduction	337. Are there any plans for staff reduction? a) If so, please advise details ie. reduction target, how this will be achieved, services/programs to be cut etc.	Written	ASIC	13/02/2012	1/03/2012
338		338. If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.	13/02/2012			1/03/2012	
339	Bushby	ASIC Efficiency	339. How has the efficiency dividend been implemented?	Written	ASIC	13/02/2012	1/03/2012

340		Dividend	340. Please list where and what spending has been reduced to meet the efficiency dividend.			13/02/2012	1/03/2012
341	Bushby	ASIC Government Advertising	341. What advertising – Campaign and Non-Campaign – did the Department/Agency undertaken in 2011-12? Provide details of each advertising, including the program the advertising was for, the total spend and the business that provided the advertising services.	Written	ASIC	13/02/2012	1/03/2012
342	342. Did the Department of Finance and Deregulation provide any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item.		13/02/2012			1/03/2012	
343	343. Did the Advertising comply with the Guidelines on Information and Advertising Campaigns by Australian Government Departments and Agencies (March 2010)? Provide the details for each advertising item.		13/02/2012			1/03/2012	
344	344. Provide details for any other communications program, including details of the program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services.		13/02/2012			1/03/2012	
345	345. What advertising – Campaign and Non-Campaign – and other communications programs is the Department/Agency undertaking, or are planning to undertake?		13/02/2012			1/03/2012	
346	Bushby		ASIC Hospitality			346. What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for the year 2010-11? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events	Written
347		347. What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.	13/02/2012	1/03/2012			
348	Bushby	ASIC Entertainment	348. What is the Department's entertainment spend for the year 2010-11? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.	Written	ASIC	13/02/2012	1/03/2012
349			349. What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.			13/02/2012	1/03/2012
350	Bushby	ASIC Communications	350. How many communications people are there in each of your departments and agencies? List their classification, position description, services they provide to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and any guidelines they must adhere to.	Written	ASIC	13/02/2012	1/03/2012
351	Bushby	ASIC Freedom of Information	351. Has the Department/agency received any advice on how to respond to FOI requests?	Written	ASIC	13/02/2012	1/03/2012
352			352. . How many FOI requests has the Department received for the year 2010-11? a) How many have been granted or denied?			13/02/2012	1/03/2012
353			353. How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests for the year 2010-11?			13/02/2012	1/03/2012

354			354. How many FOI requests has the Department received for this FYTD? a) How many have been granted or denied?			13/02/2012	1/03/2012
355			355. How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests for this FYTD?			13/02/2012	1/03/2012
356	Bushby	ASIC Reviews	356. For the year 2010-11, how many Reviews were being undertaken by all departments and agencies in each portfolio? a) When will each of these reviews be concluded? b) What reviews have been concluded? c) Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? d) When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? e) What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews?	Written	ASIC	13/02/2012	1/03/2012
357			357. For this financial year to date, what reviews are planned? a) When will each of these reviews be concluded? b) What reviews have been concluded this FYTD? c) Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? d) When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? e) What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews?			13/02/2012	1/03/2012
358	Bushby	ASIC Consultancies	358. How many consultancies were undertaken in 2010-11? a) Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). b) Also include total value for all consultancies.	Written	ASIC	15/02/2012	1/03/2012
359			359. Were there any changes to any of the portfolio's tenders in 2010-11? Detail any changes			15/02/2012	1/03/2012
360			360. How many consultancies have been undertaken or are underway this FYTD? a) Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). b) Also include total value for all consultancies.			15/02/2012	1/03/2012
361			361. Does each department and agency stand by its current tenders on the Austenders website? a) Have any changes or corrections been made for any tenders advertised on to Government Tenders website (www.tenders.gov.au) for tenders advertised this financial year? Explain. b) Are up to date with reporting requirements?			15/02/2012	1/03/2012

362			362. How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? a) Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? b) In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.			15/02/2012	1/03/2012
363	Bushby	ASIC Media Monitoring	363. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office for the year 2010-11? a) Which agency or agencies provided these services? b) What is the estimated budget to provide this same services for the year 2011-12? c) What has been spent providing these services FYTD?	Written	ASIC	13/02/2012	1/03/2012
364			364. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Department and its agencies for the year 2010-11? a) Which agency or agencies provided these services? b) What is the estimated budget to provide this same services for the year 2011-12? c) What has been spent providing these services FYTD?			13/02/2012	1/03/2012
365	Bushby	ASIC Social Media	365. Has there been any changes to department and agency social media or protocols about staff access and useage of Youtube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs since May 2011? Please explain.	Written	ASIC	13/02/2012	1/03/2012
366	Bushby	ASIC Contractors	Since May 2011: 366. Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details.	Written	ASIC	13/02/2012	1/03/2012
367			367. Has the department/agency ever employed Shannon's Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon's Way? If yes, provide details.			13/02/2012	1/03/2012
368			368. Has the department/agency ever employed John Utting & UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting & UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details.			13/02/2012	1/03/2012
369			369. Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details.			13/02/2012	1/03/2012
370			370. Has the department/agency ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details.			13/02/2012	1/03/2012

371			371. Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details.			13/02/2012	1/03/2012
372			372. Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details.			13/02/2012	1/03/2012
373			373. Has the department/agency ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details.			13/02/2012	1/03/2012
374			374. Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details			13/02/2012	1/03/2012
375	Bushby	ASIC Discretionary Grants	375. Could the Department provide a list of all discretionary grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for the year 2010-11? Please provide details of the recipients, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants.	Written	ASIC	13/02/2012	1/03/2012
376			376. Could the Department provide a list of all discretionary grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants FYTD? Please provide details of the recipients, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants.			13/02/2012	1/03/2012
377			377. Has the Department complied with interim requirements relating to the publication of discretionary grants?			13/02/2012	1/03/2012
378	Bushby	ASIC Commissioned Reports	378. How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your portfolio for the year 2010-11? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members. a) How much did each report cost? b) How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level? c) What is the current status of each report? d) When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?	Written	ASIC	15/02/2012	1/03/2012
379			379. How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your portfolio FYTD? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members. a) How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? b) How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level?			15/02/2012	1/03/2012

			<p>c) What is the current status of each report?</p> <p>d).When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?</p>				
380	Bushby	ASIC Government Payments of Accounts	<p>380. For the year 2010-11, did the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e.within 30 days)? If not, why not,</p> <p>a) what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached.)</p> <p>b) For accounts not paid within 30 days, was interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency for the current financial year and the previous financial year?</p> <p>c) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?</p>	Written	ASIC	13/02/2012	1/03/2012
381			<p>381. For the FYTD, has the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e.within 30 days)? If not, why not,</p> <p>a) what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached.</p> <p>b) For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency for the current financial year and the previous financial year?</p> <p>c) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?</p>			13/02/2012	1/03/2012
382	Bushby	ASIC Government Stationery Requirements	<p>382. How much was spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio (i.e. paper, envelopes, with compliments slips) in 2010-11?</p>	Written	ASIC	13/02/2012	1/03/2012
383			<p>383. What is the estimated cost for 2011-12?</p>			13/02/2012	1/03/2012

384	Bushby	ASIC Media Subscriptions	384. Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to pay TV (for example Foxtel)? a) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels. b) What was the cost for 2010-11? c) What is the estimated cost for 2011-12?	Written	ASIC	13/02/2012	1/03/2012
385	385. Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to newspapers? a) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers. b) What was the cost for 2010-11? c) What is the estimated cost for 2011-12?		13/02/2012			1/03/2012	
386	386. Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to magazines? a) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines. b) What was the cost for 2010-11? c) What is the estimated cost for 2011-12?		13/02/2012			1/03/2012	
387	Bushby	ASIC Travel Costs	387. For the year 2010-11, please detail all travel (itemised separately) undertaken by employees of each department and agency within each portfolio. Include details of what the travel was for, what cost was spent on travel (including travel type – i.e. business airfare), accommodation, security, food, beverages (alcohol listed separately), gifts, entertainment, and all other expenses.	Written	ASIC	13/02/2012	1/03/2012
388	388. For the year FYTD, please detail all travel (itemised separately) undertaken by employees of each department and agency within each portfolio. Include details of what the travel was for, what cost was spent on travel (including travel type – i.e. business airfare), accommodation, security, food, beverages (alcohol listed separately), gifts, entertainment, and all other expenses.		13/02/2012			1/03/2012	
389	Bushby	ASIC Legal Costs	389. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for the year 2010-11 within the department and agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.	Written	ASIC	13/02/2012	1/03/2012
390	390. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for the year 2010-11 from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.		13/02/2012			1/03/2012	
391	391. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for the year 2010-11 from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.		13/02/2012			1/03/2012	
392	392. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for the year 2010-11 from other sources? Please provide		13/02/2012			1/03/2012	

			a list of each service and costs.				
393			393. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services FYTD within the department and agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.			13/02/2012	1/03/2012
394			394. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services FYTD from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.			13/02/2012	1/03/2012
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402	Bushby	ASIC Executive Coaching and Leadership Training - Financial Year to Date	402. In relation to the purchase of executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each portfolio department and agency, please provide the following information FYTD: a) Total spending on these services b) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification c) The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted d) The names of all service providers engaged	Written	ASIC	13/02/2012	1/03/2012
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417	417. Is the carbon price package consistent with all of the policies in your department/agency?	13/02/2012		1/03/2012			

418	Cormann	Exogenous assumptions in the GTEM modelling	<p>Senator CORMANN: I am asking the question here, Minister. Ms Quinn before said how exogenous assumptions in some models can be endogenous in other models. I am asking specifically: in the GTEM model, exogenous assumptions are made by Treasury—and this is Treasury's own work; nobody else is involved—have all of these exogenous assumptions in the GTEM model made by Treasury been publicly released?</p> <p>Ms Quinn: I would have to take that question on notice.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: So you do not know that off the top of your head?</p> <p>Senator Wong: She is entitled—</p> <p>Ms Quinn: I do not have the full list of exogenous variables before me so I cannot answer that question.</p>	20 October 2011 - Page 35 - 36	MMD	16/12/2011	9/02/2012
419	Nash	Australian Energy Regulator - Bonshaw to Lismore Transgrid Line Proposal	419. Has the the Bonshaw to Lismore Transgrid Line Proposal been given approval by the Minister?	Written	ACCC	19/01/2012	9/02/2012
420			a) If so, given the enormous amount the Government is spending on a 'clean energy future' – Why is this project still going ahead, when it appears contrary to the government's target of a 'clean energy future'?			19/01/2012	9/02/2012
421			420. Has the Environmental Impact Study into the Bonshaw to Lismore Transgrid line provided any information that would prevent this line from going ahead?			19/01/2012	9/02/2012
422			421. Were any alternatives considered when planning the Bonshaw to Lismore Transgrid Line Proposal?			19/01/2012	9/02/2012
423	Bushby	Petrol Commissioner	422. Have any complaints been made with regard to the Bonshaw to Lismore Transgrid Line Proposal?	Written	ACCC	19/01/2012	9/02/2012
423			423. Can you please detail the salary package for the ACCC's Petrol Commissioner (PC)?			15/02/2012	1/03/2012
424			424. Can you please detail the PC's contract?			15/02/2012	1/03/2012
425			425. Is the PC's performance measured? a) If so, how?			15/02/2012	1/03/2012
426		426. Other than the PC's salary, what other costs are associated with his role?			15/02/2012	1/03/2012	
427	Bushby	ACCC Staffing - Financial Year to Date	427. How many permanent staff recruited this FYTD? a) What classification are these staff?	Written	ACCC	20/01/2012	9/02/2012
428			428. How many temporary positions exist or have been created this FYTD?			20/01/2012	9/02/2012
429			429. This FYTD, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?			20/01/2012	9/02/2012

430	Bushby	ACCC Staffing - 2010-11	430. How many permanent staff recruited for the year 2010-11? a) What classification are these staff?		ACCC	15/02/2012	1/03/2012
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432			432. For the year 2010-11, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?			15/02/2012	1/03/2012
433	Bushby	ACCC Staff Reduction	433. Are there any plans for staff reduction? a) If so, please advise details ie. reduction target, how this will be achieved, services/programs to be cut etc.	Written	ACCC	15/02/2012	1/03/2012
434			434. If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.			15/02/2012	1/03/2012
435	Bushby	ACCC Efficiency Dividend	435. How has the efficiency dividend been implemented?	Written	ACCC	15/02/2012	1/03/2012
436			436. Please list where and what spending has been reduced to meet the efficiency dividend.			15/02/2012	1/03/2012
437	Bushby	ACCC Government Advertising	437. What advertising – Campaign and Non-Campaign – did the Department/Agency undertaken in 2011-12? Provide details of each advertising, including the program the advertising was for, the total spend and the business that provided the advertising services.	Written	ACCC	15/02/2012	1/03/2012
438			438. Did the Department of Finance and Deregulation provide any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item.			15/02/2012	1/03/2012
439			439. Did the Advertising comply with the Guidelines on Information and Advertising Campaigns by Australian Government Departments and Agencies (March 2010)? Provide the details for each advertising item.			15/02/2012	1/03/2012
440			440. Provide details for any other communications program, including details of the program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services.			15/02/2012	1/03/2012
441			441. What advertising – Campaign and Non-Campaign – and other communications programs is the Department/Agency undertaking, or are planning to undertake?			15/02/2012	1/03/2012
442	Bushby	ACCC Hospitality	442. What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for the year 2010-11? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events	Written	ACCC	15/02/2012	1/03/2012
443			443. What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.			15/02/2012	1/03/2012
444	Bushby	ACCC Entertainment	444. What is the Department's entertainment spend for the year 2010-11? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.	Written	ACCC	15/02/2012	1/03/2012
445			445. What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.			15/02/2012	1/03/2012

446	Bushby	ACCC Communications	446. How many communications people are there in each of your departments and agencies? List their classification, position description, services they provide to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and any guidelines they must adhere to.	Written	ACCC	15/02/2012	1/03/2012
447	Bushby	ACCC Freedom of Information	447. Has the Department/agency received any advice on how to respond to FOI requests?	Written	ACCC	15/02/2012	1/03/2012
448			448. How many FOI requests has the Department received for the year 2010-11? a) How many have been granted or denied?			15/02/2012	1/03/2012
449			449. How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests for the year 2010-11?			15/02/2012	1/03/2012
450			450. How many FOI requests has the Department received for this FYTD? a) How many have been granted or denied?			15/02/2012	1/03/2012
451			451. How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests for this FYTD?			15/02/2012	1/03/2012
452	Bushby	ACCC Reviews	452. For the year 2010-11, how many Reviews were being undertaken by all departments and agencies in each portfolio? a) When will each of these reviews be concluded? b) What reviews have been concluded? c) Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? d) When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? e) What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews?	Written	ACCC	15/02/2012	1/03/2012
453			453. For this financial year to date, what reviews are planned? a) When will each of these reviews be concluded? b) What reviews have been concluded this FYTD? c) Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? d) When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? e) What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews?			15/02/2012	1/03/2012
454	Bushby	ACCC Consultancies	454. How many consultancies were undertaken in 2010-11? a) Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). b) Also include total value for all consultancies.	Written	ACCC	7/02/2012	9/02/2012
455			455. Were there any changes to any of the portfolio's tenders in 2010-11? Detail any changes			7/02/2012	9/02/2012

456			456. How many consultancies have been undertaken or are underway this FYTD? a) Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). b) Also include total value for all consultancies.			7/02/2012	9/02/2012
457			457. Does each department and agency stand by its current tenders on the Austenders website? a) Have any changes or corrections been made for any tenders advertised on to Government Tenders website (www.tenders.gov.au) for tenders advertised this financial year? Explain. b) Are up to date with reporting requirements?			7/02/2012	9/02/2012
458			458. How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? a) Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? b) In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.			7/02/2012	9/02/2012
459	Bushby	ACCC Media Monitoring	459. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office for the year 2010-11? a) Which agency or agencies provided these services? b) What is the estimated budget to provide this same services for the year 2011-12? c) What has been spent providing these services FYTD?	Written	ACCC	20/01/2012	9/02/2012
460			460. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Department and its agencies for the year 2010-11? a) Which agency or agencies provided these services? b) What is the estimated budget to provide this same services for the year 2011-12? c) What has been spent providing these services FYTD?			20/01/2012	9/02/2012
461	Bushby	ACCC Social Media	461. Has there been any changes to department and agency social media or protocols about staff access and useage of Youtube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs since May 2011? Please explain.	Written	ACCC	15/02/2012	1/03/2012
462	Bushby	ACCC Contractors	Since May 2011: 462. Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details.	Written	ACCC	15/02/2012	1/03/2012

463			463. Has the department/agency ever employed Shannon's Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon's Way? If yes, provide details.			15/02/2012	1/03/2012
464			464. Has the department/agency ever employed John Utting & UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting & UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details.			15/02/2012	1/03/2012
465			465. Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details.			15/02/2012	1/03/2012
466			466. Has the department/agency ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details.			15/02/2012	1/03/2012
467			467. Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details.			15/02/2012	1/03/2012
468			468. Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details.			15/02/2012	1/03/2012
469			469. Has the department/agency ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details.			15/02/2012	1/03/2012
470			470. Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details			15/02/2012	1/03/2012
471	Bushby	ACCC Discretionary Grants	471. Could the Department provide a list of all discretionary grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for the year 2010-11? Please provide details of the recipients, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants	Written	ACCC	15/02/2012	1/03/2012
472			472. Could the Department provide a list of all discretionary grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants FYTD? Please provide details of the recipients, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants.			15/02/2012	1/03/2012
473			473. Has the Department complied with interim requirements relating to the publication of discretionary grants?			15/02/2012	1/03/2012

474	Bushby	ACCC Commissioned Reports	474. How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your portfolio for the year 2010-11? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members. a) How much did each report cost? b) How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level? c) What is the current status of each report? d) When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?	Written	ACCC	15/02/2012	1/03/2012
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476	Bushby	ACCC Government Payments of Accounts	476. For the year 2010-11, did the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e.within 30 days)? If not, why not, a) what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached.) b) For accounts not paid within 30 days, was interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency for the current financial year and the previous financial year? c) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?	Written	ACCC	15/02/2012	1/03/2012
477			477. For the FYTD, has the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e.within 30 days)? If not, why not, a) what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached. b) For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency for the current financial year and the previous financial year?			15/02/2012	1/03/2012

			c) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?				
478	Bushby	ACCC Government Stationery Requirements	478. How much was spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio (i.e. paper, envelopes, with compliments slips) in 2010-11?	Written	ACCC	15/02/2012	1/03/2012
479			479. What is the estimated cost for 2011-12?			15/02/2012	1/03/2012
480	Bushby	ACCC Media Subscriptions	480. Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to pay TV (for example Foxtel)? a) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels. b) What was the cost for 2010-11? c) What is the estimated cost for 2011-12?	Written	ACCC	20/01/2012	9/02/2012
481			481. Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to newspapers? a) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers. b) What was the cost for 2010-11? c) What is the estimated cost for 2011-12?			20/01/2012	9/02/2012
482			482. Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to magazines? a) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines. b) What was the cost for 2010-11? c) What is the estimated cost for 2011-12?			20/01/2012	9/02/2012
483	Bushby	ACCC Travel Costs	483. For the year 2010-11, please detail all travel (itemised separately) undertaken by employees of each department and agency within each portfolio. Include details of what the travel was for, what cost was spent on travel (including travel type – i.e. business airfare), accommodation, security, food, beverages (alcohol listed separately), gifts, entertainment, and all other expenses.	Written	ACCC	15/02/2012	1/03/2012

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485	Bushby	ACCC Legal Costs	485. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for the year 2010-11 within the department and agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.	Written	ACCC	15/02/2012	1/03/2012
486			486. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for the year 2010-11 from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.			15/02/2012	1/03/2012
487			487. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for the year 2010-11 from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.			15/02/2012	1/03/2012
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497			497. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: a) The location used b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location			7/02/2012	9/02/2012
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510			510. Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered? a) List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken.			15/02/2012	1/03/2012
511			511. What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse?			15/02/2012	1/03/2012
512	Bushby	ACCC Carbon Price Legislation	512. How was your department/agency consulted in the development of the carbon price package?	Written	ACCC	15/02/2012	1/03/2012
513			513. Is the carbon price package consistent with all of the policies in your department/agency?			15/02/2012	1/03/2012
514	Bushby	AFR Article 'Not so super policing	514. What were the errors of fact which were published in the Australian Financial Review article 'Not so super policing' of 7 July 2011?	Written	APRA	9/02/2012	1/03/2012
515	Bushby	Superannuation Fund Legislation	515. What is the latest data (up to 20 October 2011) regarding numbers of extant APRA enforcement actions for superannuation regulation?	Written	APRA	21/12/2011	9/02/2012
516			516. What issues and trends is APRA observing and do these issues give rise to the need for further legislation to protect Australia's superannuation funds and members, and if so what actions and or funding does APRA need?			21/12/2011	9/02/2012
517	Bushby	APRA - Enforcement Actions	517. How many enforcement actions has APRA taken in the last three years in relation to flawed unit pricing and asset valuation practices in superannuation funds, and without naming the entities concerned, what were the outcomes for each (fines, court action, disqualifications, asset freeze, enforcement undertakings etc)?	Written	APRA	21/12/2011	9/02/2012
518			518. How many formal and informal actions (please separate and define formal and informal) has APRA taken in relation to unresolved conflicts of interest issues in relation to super fund governance during the past three years, and what were the results of taking such action?			21/12/2011	9/02/2012
519	Bushby	Superannuation Funds - Multiple Directorships	519. What is APRA's policy on super fund directors who hold multiple directorships in the super fund sector, and on how many occasions has APRA raised this issue and/or taken with a fund which had a director in such a position, and with what results?	Written	APRA	18/10/2012	29/11/2012
520	Bushby	Prudential Review	520. What is a Prudential Review in the APRA superannuation context, and what is the check list of tasks in such a review?	Written	APRA		

521			521. In relation to Trio and related entities how many such prudential reviews were conducted during the history of this entity/ies? a) When did the reviews occur, and what check list items were covered in each? b) Which APRA officers were in charge of these reviews? c) Were the results of the reviews reported to the APRA board? d) When were the results of each review reported to the Government?				
522	Bushby	Investigations of Superannuation Funds	522. In relation to potential class actions (e.g. following false and misleading advertising based on overly optimistic 30-40 year projections of future returns) against superannuation funds, and subsequent court decisions which might have an impact on the financial position of the fund, what would be the source/s of funds to meet such a contingency, and what would be APRA's advice to funds and trustees in relation to this matter?	Written	APRA	9/02/2012	1/03/2012
523			523. Currently, how many external legal contracts are in train in relation to investigations of super fund matters, and what is the total value of such contracts?			9/02/2012	1/03/2012
524	Bushby	Superannuation Fund Advertisements	524. In relation to the super fund advertisements question at Estimates on 20 October 2011, can APRA confirm that the assumptions do not include the current mainstream low cost retail super products which currently account for approximately 50% of net flows. E.g. AMP Flexible super, First Choice Wholesale super, and BT super for life, and therefore might overstate the costs of retail funds which generate the long term projection numbers included in the advertisements.	Written	APRA	15/02/2012	1/03/2012
525	Bushby	APRA Code of Conduct	525. When did APRA last review its APRA Code of Conduct?	Written	APRA	21/12/2011	9/02/2012
526			526. Does APRA report on its code of conduct in annual reports to Parliament? a) If not, would APRA be prepared to provide such information to Parliament?			21/12/2011	9/02/2012
527			527. Could APRA provide the Committee with details of: a) How many times in the last year was the Code discussed at an APRA (formal and minuted meeting of APRA members meeting?) b) How many complaints were lodged with APRA pursuant to the APRA code for each of the past five years? c) How many internal investigations have been conducted under the code? d) What sanctions have been imposed?			21/12/2011	9/02/2012
528			528. How many disclosures of conflicts of interest have been made under the code over the past five years?			21/12/2011	9/02/2012
529			529. Which APRA executive is responsible for the operation of the code?			21/12/2011	9/02/2012

530			530. Has APRA considered public disclosure of material interests which are referred to in the code and could APRA provide the committee with the advantages and disadvantages of such an initiative?			21/12/2011	9/02/2012
531			531. How many APRA staff have submitted details of their interests under the following provision:[You will be required to submit annually a summary statement of any direct security holdings, and those of your immediate family. Senior management will review these statements. Management may request an updated statement at any time.]			21/12/2011	9/02/2012
532	Bushby	APRA Staffing - Financial Year to Date	532. How many permanent staff recruited this FYTD? a) What classification are these staff?	Written	APRA	20/01/2012	9/02/2012
533			533. How many temporary positions exist or have been created this FYTD?			20/01/2012	9/02/2012
534			534. This FYTD, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?			20/01/2012	9/02/2012
535	Bushby	APRA Staffing - 2010-11	535. How many permanent staff recruited for the year 2010-11? a) What classification are these staff?	Written	APRA	21/12/2011	9/02/2012
536			536. How many temporary positions exist or have been created for the year 2010-11?			21/12/2011	9/02/2012
537			537. For the year 2010-11, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?			21/12/2011	9/02/2012
538	Bushby	APRA Staff Reduction	538. Are there any plans for staff reduction? a) If so, please advise details ie. reduction target, how this will be achieved, services/programs to be cut etc.	Written	APRA	19/01/2012	9/02/2012
539			539. If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.			19/01/2012	9/02/2012
540	Bushby	APRA Efficiency Dividend	540. How has the efficiency dividend been implemented?	Written	APRA	21/12/2011	9/02/2012
541			541. Please list where and what spending has been reduced to meet the efficiency dividend.			21/12/2011	9/02/2012
542	Bushby	APRA Government Advertising	542. What advertising – Campaign and Non-Campaign – did the Department/Agency undertaken in 2011-12? Provide details of each advertising, including the program the advertising was for, the total spend and the business that provided the advertising services.	Written	APRA	20/01/2012	9/02/2012
543			543. Did the Department of Finance and Deregulation provide any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item.			20/01/2012	9/02/2012

544			544. Did the Advertising comply with the Guidelines on Information and Advertising Campaigns by Australian Government Departments and Agencies (March 2010)? Provide the details for each advertising item.			20/01/2012	9/02/2012
545			545. Provide details for any other communications program, including details of the program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services.			20/01/2012	9/02/2012
546			546. What advertising – Campaign and Non-Campaign – and other communications programs is the Department/Agency undertaking, or are planning to undertake?			20/01/2012	9/02/2012
547	Bushby	APRA Hospitality	547. What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for the year 2010-11? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events	Written	APRA	19/01/2012	9/02/2012
548			548. What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.			19/01/2012	9/02/2012
549	Bushby	APRA Entertainment	549. What is the Department's entertainment spend for the year 2010-11? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.	Written	APRA	7/02/2012	9/02/2012
550			550. What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.			7/02/2012	9/02/2012
551	Bushby	APRA Communications	551. How many communications people are there in each of your departments and agencies? List their classification, position description, services they provide to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and any guidelines they must adhere to.	Written	APRA	20/01/2012	9/02/2012
552	Bushby	APRA Freedom of Information	552. Has the Department/agency received any advice on how to respond to FOI requests?	Written	APRA	7/02/2012	9/02/2012
553			553. . How many FOI requests has the Department received for the year 2010-11? a) How many have been granted or denied?			7/02/2012	9/02/2012
554			554. How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests for the year 2010-11?			7/02/2012	9/02/2012
555			555. How many FOI requests has the Department received for this FYTD? a) How many have been granted or denied?			7/02/2012	9/02/2012
556			556. How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests for this FYTD?			7/02/2012	9/02/2012

557	Bushby	APRA Reviews	557. For the year 2010-11, how many Reviews were being undertaken by all departments and agencies in each portfolio? a) When will each of these reviews be concluded? b) What reviews have been concluded? c) Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? d) When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? e) What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews?	Written	APRA	20/01/2012	9/02/2012
558			558. For this financial year to date, what reviews are planned? a) When will each of these reviews be concluded? b) What reviews have been concluded this FYTD? c) Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? d) When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? e) What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews?			20/01/2012	9/02/2012
559	Bushby	APRA Consultancies	559. How many consultancies were undertaken in 2010-11? a) Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). b) Also include total value for all consultancies.	Written	APRA	7/02/2012	9/02/2012
560			560. Were there any changes to any of the portfolio's tenders in 2010-11? Detail any changes			7/02/2012	9/02/2012
561			561. How many consultancies have been undertaken or are underway this FYTD? a) Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). b) Also include total value for all consultancies.			7/02/2012	9/02/2012
562			562. Does each department and agency stand by its current tenders on the Austenders website? a) Have any changes or corrections been made for any tenders advertised on to Government Tenders website (www.tenders.gov.au) for tenders advertised this financial year? Explain. b) Are up to date with reporting requirements?			7/02/2012	9/02/2012
563			563. How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? a) Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? b) In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.			7/02/2012	9/02/2012

564	Bushby	APRA Media Monitoring	564. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office for the year 2010-11? a) Which agency or agencies provided these services? b) What is the estimated budget to provide this same services for the year 2011-12? c) What has been spent providing these services FYTD?	Written	APRA	20/01/2012	9/02/2012
565			565. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Department and its agencies for the year 2010-11? a) Which agency or agencies provided these services? b) What is the estimated budget to provide this same services for the year 2011-12? c) What has been spent providing these services FYTD?			20/01/2012	9/02/2012
566	Bushby	APRA Social Media	566. Has there been any changes to department and agency social media or protocols about staff access and useage of Youtube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs since May 2011? Please explain.	Written	APRA	20/01/2012	9/02/2012
567	Bushby	APRA Contractors	Since May 2011: 567. Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details.	Written	APRA	24/01/2012	9/02/2012
568			568. Has the department/agency ever employed Shannon's Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon's Way? If yes, provide details.			24/01/2012	9/02/2012
569			569. Has the department/agency ever employed John Utting & UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting & UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details.			24/01/2012	9/02/2012
570			570. Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details.			24/01/2012	9/02/2012
571			571. Has the department/agency ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details.			24/01/2012	9/02/2012
572			572. Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details.			24/01/2012	9/02/2012
573			573. Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details.			24/01/2012	9/02/2012

574			574. Has the department/agency ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details.			24/01/2012	9/02/2012
575			575. Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details			24/01/2012	9/02/2012
576	Bushby	APRA Discretionary Grants	576. Could the Department provide a list of all discretionary grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for the year 2010-11? Please provide details of the recipients, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants.	Written	APRA	24/01/2012	9/02/2012
577			577. Could the Department provide a list of all discretionary grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants FYTD? Please provide details of the recipients, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants.			24/01/2012	9/02/2012
578			578. Has the Department complied with interim requirements relating to the publication of discretionary grants?			24/01/2012	9/02/2012
579	Bushby	APRA Commissioned Reports	579. How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your portfolio for the year 2010-11? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members. a) How much did each report cost? b) How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level? c) What is the current status of each report? d) When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?	written	APRA	24/01/2012	9/02/2012
580			580. How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your portfolio FYTD? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members. a) How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? b) How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level? c) What is the current status of each report? d).When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?			24/01/2012	9/02/2012

581	Bushby	APRA Government Payments of Accounts	581. For the year 2010-11, did the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e.within 30 days)? If not, why not, a) what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached.) b) For accounts not paid within 30 days, was interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency for the current financial year and the previous financial year? c) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?	Written	APRA	24/01/2012	9/02/2012
582			582. For the FYTD, has the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e.within 30 days)? If not, why not, a) what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached. b) For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency for the current financial year and the previous financial year? c) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?			24/01/2012	9/02/2012
583	Bushby	APRA Government Stationery Requirements	583. How much was spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio (i.e. paper, envelopes, with compliments slips) in 2010-11?	Written	APRA	24/01/2012	9/02/2012
584			584. What is the estimated cost for 2011-12?			24/01/2012	9/02/2012
585	Bushby	APRA Media Subscriptions	585. Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to pay TV (for example Foxtel)? a) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels. b) What was the cost for 2010-11? c) What is the estimated cost for 2011-12?	Written	APRA	24/01/2012	9/02/2012
586			586. Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to newspapers? a) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers. b) What was the cost for 2010-11? c) What is the estimated cost for 2011-12?			24/01/2012	9/02/2012

587			587. Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to magazines? a) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines. b) What was the cost for 2010-11? c) What is the estimated cost for 2011-12?			24/01/2012	9/02/2012
588	Bushby	APRA Travel Costs	588. For the year 2010-11, please detail all travel (itemised separately) undertaken by employees of each department and agency within each portfolio. Include details of what the travel was for, what cost was spent on travel (including travel type – i.e. business airfare), accommodation, security, food, beverages (alcohol listed separately), gifts, entertainment, and all other expenses.	Written	APRA	24/01/2012	9/02/2012
589		589. For the year FYTD, please detail all travel (itemised separately) undertaken by employees of each department and agency within each portfolio. Include details of what the travel was for, what cost was spent on travel (including travel type – i.e. business airfare), accommodation, security, food, beverages (alcohol listed separately), gifts, entertainment, and all other expenses.	24/01/2012			9/02/2012	
590	Bushby	APRA Legal Costs	590. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for the year 2010-11 within the department and agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.	Written	APRA	24/01/2012	9/02/2012
591		591. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for the year 2010-11 from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.	24/01/2012			9/02/2012	
592		592. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for the year 2010-11 from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.	24/01/2012			9/02/2012	
593		593. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for the year 2010-11 from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.	24/01/2012			9/02/2012	
594		594. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services FYTD within the department and agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.	24/01/2012			9/02/2012	
595		595. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services FYTD from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.	24/01/2012			9/02/2012	
596		596. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services FYTD from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.	24/01/2012			9/02/2012	

597			597. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services FYTD from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.			24/01/2012	9/02/2012
598	Bushby	APRA Education Expenses	598. For the year 2010-11, detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for each portfolio department and agency. Include what type of course, the total cost, cost per participant, how many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant.	Written	APRA	24/01/2012	9/02/2012
599			599. For the FYTD, detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for each portfolio department and agency. Include what type of course, the total cost, cost per participant, how many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant.			24/01/2012	9/02/2012
600	Bushby	APRA Executive Coaching and Leadership Training - 2010-11	600. In relation to the purchase of executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each portfolio department and agency, please provide the following information for the year 2010-11: a) Total spending on these services b) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification c) The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted d) The names of all service providers engaged	Written	APRA	24/01/2012	9/02/2012
601			601. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (d) above, please provide: a) The name and nature of the service purchased b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification d) The total number of hours involved for all employees e) The total amount spent on the service f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)			24/01/2012	9/02/2012
602			602. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: a) The location used b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location			24/01/2012	9/02/2012

603	Bushby	APRA Executive Coaching and Leadership Training - Financial Year to Date	603. In relation to the purchase of executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each portfolio department and agency, please provide the following information FYTD: a) Total spending on these services b) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification c) The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted d) The names of all service providers engaged	Written	APRA	24/01/2012	9/02/2012
604			604. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (d) above, please provide: a) The name and nature of the service purchased b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification d) The total number of hours involved for all employees e) The total amount spent on the service f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)			24/01/2012	9/02/2012
605			605. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: a) The location used b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location			24/01/2012	9/02/2012
606	Bushby	APRA Paid Parental Leave	606. Please list how many staff in each portfolio department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme?	Written	APRA	24/01/2012	9/02/2012
607			607. For the year 2010-11 list which portfolio department and agencies are providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? a) Please list how many staff are in receipt of these payments.			24/01/2012	9/02/2012
608			608. For the FYTD list which portfolio department and agencies are providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? a) Please list how many staff are in receipt of these payments.			24/01/2012	9/02/2012

609	Bushby	APRA Corporate Cars	609. How cars are owned by each department and agency in your portfolio? a) Where is the car/s located? b) What is the car/s used for? c) What is the cost of each car for 2010-11? d).How far did each car travel in 2010-11?	Written	APRA	24/01/2012	9/02/2012
610	Bushby	APRA Taxi Costs	610. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis in 2010-11? a) Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency	Written	APRA	24/01/2012	9/02/2012
611	Bushby	APRA Credit Cards	611. How many staff in each department and agency have a corporate credit card? a) What is their classification?	Written	APRA	14/02/2012	1/03/2012
612			612. What action is taken if the corporate credit card is misused?			14/02/2012	1/03/2012
613			613. How is corporate credit card use monitored?			14/02/2012	1/03/2012
614			614. What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered?			14/02/2012	1/03/2012
615			615. Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered? a) List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken.			14/02/2012	1/03/2012
616			616. What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse?			14/02/2012	1/03/2012
617	Bushby	APRA Carbon Price Legislation	617 How was your department/agency consulted in the development of the carbon price package?	Written	APRA	24/01/2012	9/02/2012
618			618. Is the carbon price package consistent with all of the policies in your department/agency?			24/01/2012	9/02/2012
619	Adams	Australian National Health Survey	619 When did the issue of whether or not to exclude indigenous children first arise? a)Who raised it? b) Did ABS propose the exclusion to indigenous expert committees, or vice versa? c) Specifically, whose advice was relied upon to justify the exclusion? d) Who was consulted on the exclusion? e)How many of these people are associated with the Lowitja Institute? e) Please provide documentation associated with the decision to exclude Aboriginal children from those relevant consultations with the above mentioned?	Written	ABS	15/02/2012	1/03/2012

620	Bob Brown	Average Proportion of Income Paid in Tax in Australia	620. The US billionaire Warren Buffet has observed that in the US very high income earners can pay lower average rates of tax than medium income earners. Can Treasury provide estimates of the average proportion of income paid in tax in Australia by (i) average income earner, (ii) someone in the top quintile of income earners, (iii) someone earning a million dollars a year? Please take into account a broad measure of income including capital gains (even if unrealised and/or untaxed) and distinguish between income and other taxes paid.	Written	PRID	13/02/2012	1/03/2012
621	Bob Brown	Banking Licences	621. Does Treasury have any estimate of the value to the banking sector of their 'banking licences'; explicit or implicit support provided to them by the government and the confidence given to investors and depositors by APRA's supervision? a) Has the Treasury considered an additional tax on banks to recover some of this?	Written	FSD	16/11/2011	10/11/2011
622	Bob Brown	Business Tax Reform Working Group	622. When will the remaining members of the Business Tax Reform Working Group announced at the Tax Forum be appointed? a) How is the Government ensuring that the membership includes a variety of perspectives such as small business and the broader public interest?	Written	BTD	14/02/2012	1/03/2012
623	Bushby	Carbon Tax - Aluminium Industry	623. Has Treasury undertaken any modelling or other assessment of how much the aluminium industry stood to lose from the Government's carbon tax without any compensation? If so, what were the results of that assessment?	Written	MMD	16/12/2011	9/02/2012
624	Bushby	Carbon Tax - Automotive Industry	624. Has Treasury undertaken any modelling or other assessment of how much the automotive industry stood to lose from the Government's carbon tax without any compensation? If so, what were the results of that assessment?	Written	MMD	16/12/2011	9/02/2012
625	Bushby	Carbon Tax - Cement Industry	625. Has Treasury undertaken any modelling or other assessment of how much the cement industry stood to lose from the Government's carbon tax without any compensation? If so, what were the results of that assessment?	Written	MMD	16/12/2011	9/02/2012
626	Bushby	Carbon Tax - Food and Grocery Industry	626. Has Treasury undertaken any modelling or other assessment of how much the food and grocery industry stood to lose from the Government's carbon tax without any compensation? If so, what were the results of that assessment?	Written	MMD	16/12/2011	9/02/2012

627	Bushby	Carbon Tax - Glass Industry	627. Has Treasury undertaken any modelling or other assessment of how much the glass industry stood to lose from the Government's carbon tax without any compensation? If so, what were the results of that assessment?	Written	MMD	16/12/2011	9/02/2012
628	Bushby	Carbon Tax - Plastics and Chemicals Industry	628. Has Treasury undertaken any modelling or other assessment of how much the plastics and chemicals industry stood to lose from the Government's carbon tax without any compensation? If so, what were the results of that assessment?	Written	MMD	16/12/2011	9/02/2012
629	Bushby	Carbon Tax - Steel Industry	629. Has Treasury undertaken any modelling or other assessment of how much the steel industry stood to lose from the Government's carbon tax without any compensation – such as the 94.5% permits and the Steel Transformation Plan? If so, what were the results of that assessment?	Written	MMD	16/12/2011	9/02/2012
630	Bushby	Carbon Tax - Tourism Sector	630. Has Treasury done any modelling of the impact of the carbon tax on the Tourism Sector? a) If yes what will be the impact of the carbon tax on the tourism sector? i) Has this been broken down into the impact on consumption and discretionary spending Vs the impact for businesses? Could you please provide this analysis? b) If no, why not?	Written	MMD	16/12/2011	9/02/2012
631			631. Has information on the impact of the carbon tax been shared with any officials from the Department of Resources Energy and Tourism or Tourism Australia?			16/12/2011	9/02/2012
632			632. Has Treasury received any requests from Tourism Research Australia, The Department of Resources Energy and Tourism to model the impact of the carbon tax on the tourism sector?			16/12/2011	9/02/2012
633	Bushby	Clean Energy Finance Corporation	633. When the clean energy package is fully operational how many staff are expected to be employed in the Clean Energy Finance Corporation? a) How many are expected to be employed at 1 July 2012?	Written	IEDD	14/02/2012	1/03/2012
634			634. Where will Clean Energy Finance Corporation staff be based? a) What will be the office requirements for the Clean Energy Finance Corporation and how much floor space will be occupied?			14/02/2012	1/03/2012
635			635. What will the budget for the Clean Energy Finance Corporation be for each financial year to 2020 (inclusive)?			14/02/2012	1/03/2012
636	Birmingham	Clean Energy Future Plan	636. In what year will the government's clean energy package become budget positive?	Written	IEDD	16/12/2011	9/02/2012

637			637. What will the budget impact of the government's clean energy future plan be in each year to 2020 (inclusive)? a) What assumptions are made about changes to industry or household assistance in this model?			16/12/2011	9/02/2012
638			638. Has the Treasury modelled the budget impact of the government's clean energy future plan beyond 2014-15? If so, what is the impact of that modelling? a) If not, how can the government claim the package will operate in a revenue neutral way?			16/12/2011	9/02/2012
639			639. In the total period of operation of the government's clean energy future plan to 2020 will the package produce a net budget surplus, a net budget deficit or be revenue neutral? a) Please quantify the estimates of that impact. b) If unable to say, what factors will impact on its budget implications? In the total period of operation of the government's clean energy future plan to 2050 will the package produce a net budget surplus, a net budget deficit or be revenue neutral? a) Please quantify the estimates of that impact. b) If unable to say, what factors will impact on its budget implications?			16/12/2011	9/02/2012
640			640. How much revenue is estimated to be raised as a result of: a) the effective carbon price applied to businesses combustion of liquid fuels from 2012-13;			13/02/2012	1/03/2012
641	Birmingham	Clean Energy Future Plan #2	641. What will Australia's estimated domestic emissions be under the government's clean energy future plan in each year to 2020 (inclusive)?	Written	MMD	8/02/2012	9/02/2012
642			642. What volume of internationally sourced abatement will be purchased under the government's clean energy future plan in each year to 2020 (inclusive)? a) What is the value of this abatement?			8/02/2012	9/02/2012
643			643. What is the estimated real carbon price in 2010 dollars under the government's clean energy future plan in each year to 2020 (inclusive)? a) What is the estimate price in nominal terms in each year?			8/02/2012	9/02/2012
644			644. What will Australia's estimated domestic emissions be under the government's clean energy future plan in each year to 2050 (inclusive)?			8/02/2012	9/02/2012
645			645. What volume of internationally sourced abatement will be purchased under the government's clean energy future plan in each year to 2050 (inclusive)? a) What is the value of this abatement?			8/02/2012	9/02/2012

646			646. What is the estimated real carbon price in 2010 dollars under the government's clean energy future plan in each year to 2050 (inclusive)? a) What is the estimate price in nominal terms in each year?			8/02/2012	9/02/2012
647			647. Why are domestic emissions and emissions intensity of GDP lower under the SGLP and Government policy models in 2050 than under the Clean energy future model? a) What changes to policy make the difference in each of these scenarios?			8/02/2012	9/02/2012
648	Birmingham	Clean Energy Future Plan - Estimated Household Impact	648. What is the margin of error of the estimated household impact under the government's clean energy future plan?	Written	TAD	15/02/2012	1/03/2012
649	Birmingham	Clean Energy Future Plan#3	649. Are there circumstances where the modelling of the government's clean energy future plan predicts assistance for emission intensive trade exposed industries exceeds 100 per cent? a) If so, please detail.	Written	MMD	19/01/2012	9/02/2012
650			650. What will the modelled variation in the average annual growth in real wages from 1.2 per cent under the medium global action reference scenario to 1 per cent under the Government policy scenario translate to in actual real wages? (ie – what would the real wage be under the medium global action reference scenario and what would it be under the Government policy scenario.)			19/01/2012	9/02/2012
651			651. Exactly what assumptions does the Treasury modelling make of international action pre 2020 and international action post 2020.			19/01/2012	9/02/2012
652			652. At each of 2020 and 2050 what countries or regions are assumed to be net sellers of international abatement permits and what countries or regions are assumed to be net purchasers of international abatement permits? a) Given the expected carbon price in 2020 and 2050, what is the annual estimated value of these transactions for each country or region modelled by Treasury?			19/01/2012	9/02/2012
653			653. How is it that the nominal cost of carbon permits will rise 1500% between now and 2050, the real cost will rise 500% between now and 2050, but electricity will only rise 15% between now and 2050 (in measures attributable to the carbon tax)?			19/01/2012	9/02/2012
654	Birmingham	Clean Energy Future Plan	• How many businesses are estimated to face liabilities under the government's clean energy future plan in 2012-13, 2015 – 16, 202-21 and 2050? a) How many premises will be covered in each of these years?	Written		Referred to DCCEE	

655			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How many businesses or users are estimated to face higher priced as a result of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) the effective carbon price applied to businesses combustion of liquid fuels from 2012-13;</li> <li>b) the effective carbon price applied to aviation fuel from 2012-13; and</li> <li>c) the effective carbon price applied to heavy on-road vehicles form 2014-15.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• How many carbon permits will be issued each year, every year between now and 2021?</li> <li>• What proportion of all emissions expected to be covered between now and 2021 will be emissions from electricity and stationary energy sector?</li> </ul>			13/02/2012	1/03/2012
656	Bob Brown	Company Tax	656. How does Australia's company tax rate compare to the weighted average company tax rate (including any social security taxes paid by companies) in the OECD?	Written	BTD	16/02/2012	1/03/2012
657			657. Are Treasury aware of any studies of the compliance costs of taxation relative to revenue for small business compared to big business?			16/02/2012	1/03/2012
658			658. Around the Tax Forum there was discussion about allowing some carry-back of losses so that unprofitable companies can be refunded some previous company tax payments. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Would this render company tax even more volatile, with collections dropping more in a downturn?</li> <li>b) While for companies that survive it merely “brings forward” the deduction from future tax payments, in the case of a company that makes a big loss and then closes there is a much larger cost to revenue as they would never have been able to offset the loss against future profits.</li> </ul> Are there any estimates of the potential cost to revenue in a recession if carry-back of losses was allowed?			16/02/2012	1/03/2012
659	Bob Brown	Duty Free Cigarettes	659. What is the cost of allowing cigarettes to be purchased duty-free at airports? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Firstly, just in the narrow sense of the loss of revenue from not applying duty.</li> <li>b) Secondly, including the costs of thereby encouraging more smoking.</li> </ul>	Written	TAD	13/02/2012	1/03/2012

660	Rhiannon	Gates Report on Innovative Finance - G20 Summit	<p>French President Nicholas Sarkozy requested that Bill Gates present a report to the G20 Leaders Summit in November on innovative forms of finance for development and climate adaptation. The Gates Foundation has been supporting the research for this report through an extensive consultation process, as a result Bill Gates is now including financial transaction taxes as one of the few innovative mechanisms to fund development and climate adaptation. The Gates Foundation tabled a 'technical note on the Gates report' at the recent G20 Finance and Development Ministers meeting in late September, which includes FTT as one of only three innovative forms of finance. The technical note states the potential yield of a FTT across G20 countries as between \$48 billion and \$100-250 billion each year:</p> <p>"..some modeling suggests that even a small tax of 10 bp [basis points equivalent to 0.1%] on equities and 2 bp [basis points equivalent to 0.02%] on bonds would yield about \$48 billion on a G20-wide basis.... Some FTT proposals offer substantially larger estimates, in the \$100-250 billion range, especially if derivatives are included. If a substantial part of the revenues could be allocated to development, this would be a useful addition to resources." (page 4).</p> <p>660. Does Treasury acknowledge that the technical note on the Gates report on innovative finance presented to G20 Finance Ministers at the recent meeting on 23 September notes Financial Transaction Taxes as one of only three innovative forms of revenue raising viable to meet international development and climate adaptation commitments?</p>	Written	IGD	23/11/2011	9/02/2012
661			661. What is your position on this?			23/11/2011	9/02/2012
662			662. Does Treasury acknowledge that the technical report notes the potential revenue from G20 wide implementation of Financial Transaction Taxes as between \$48 billion to \$250 billion each year?			23/11/2011	9/02/2012
663			663. What is your position on considering this for financing Australian development and climate adaptation work?			23/11/2011	9/02/2012
664	Bob Brown	Income and Wealth Inequality	664. A number of studies (such as Andrew Leigh, 'Deriving long run inequality series from tax data' , Economic Record, August 2005) have shown that income and wealth inequality narrowed from around 1900 to the 1970s but have since widened. What does Treasury see as the main reasons for this, and what could be done to address it?	Written	PRID	7/12/2011	9/02/2012
665	Bushby	Jobs in the Manufacturing Sector	665. Has Treasury undertaken any modelling or other assessment of how many jobs look likely to be lost in the manufacturing sector in Australia over the next two years? If so, what were the results of that assessment?	Written	SPD	15/02/2012	1/03/2012

666	Bob Brown	Mineral Resources	666. Is there an optimal depletion rate for mineral resources? Are there signs this is being exceeded at present in Australia and that our longer-term welfare would be enhanced if the finite mineral resources were extracted at a more measured pace?	Written		Referred to DRET	
667	Bob Brown	Mining Tax	667. The IMF is the latest body to have called for the mining tax to be extended beyond coal and iron ore. Are Treasury aware of any independent research and reports that recommend it should be restricted to just iron ore and coal?	Written	BTD	9/03/2012	
668	668. What are Treasury's latest estimates on the difference in the revenue that the MRRT will raise over the next decade (or if that is not available, over the forward estimates) and the revenue that would have been raised by the RSPT on the same assumptions?					9/03/2012	
669	669. Is it the case that state governments can continue to raise mining royalties without limit and reduce the revenue to be raised by the MRRT?					9/03/2012	
670	670. How much less revenue will the mining industry contribute to the government as a result of the proposed cut in the company tax rate from 30 to 29 per cent?					9/03/2012	
671	671. Does Treasury have estimates of the amount of government spending on infrastructure primarily benefiting the mining sector?					9/03/2012	
672	Joyce		National Broadband Network			I refer you to table 2 on page 9-4 of Budget paper no.1 2011-12. 672. Can you please identify how much of the Commonwealth Government Securities relates to equity injections to the National Broadband Network for each of the years 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15?	Written
673	673. If there are any government borrowings which relate to contributions to the National Broadband Network please identify these as well for the same years.			19/01/2012	1/03/2012		
674	Fifield	National Injury Insurance Scheme	With reference to Minister Macklin's press release of 10 August 2011, "Productivity Commission's Final Report into Disability Care and Support, which states that "the Government will convene a working group led by the Assistant Treasurer to work with State and Territory Governments, lawyers and other stakeholders to progress this important reform (a National Injury Insurance Scheme)": 674. Has the working group led by the Assistant Treasurer to work with the states and territories to harmonise their approach to catastrophic injury convened yet? a) If so, can Treasury provide details of those meetings, including date and location?	Written	SPD	24/01/2012	9/02/2012
675			675. Who are the members of the working group?				24/01/2012

676			676. How were members to the working group selected? a) What were the criteria for membership of the Assistant Treasurer's working group?			24/01/2012	9/02/2012
677			677. What are the terms of reference for the working group?			24/01/2012	9/02/2012
678			678. When were terms of reference for the working group finalised?			24/01/2012	9/02/2012
679			679. What discussion was there at COAG about the National Injury Insurance Scheme?			24/01/2012	9/02/2012
680			680. Which stakeholders have been consulted by the working group regarding the NIIS and when were they consulted?			24/01/2012	9/02/2012
681			681. Which lawyers have been consulted by the working group regarding the NIIS?			24/01/2012	9/02/2012
682			682. What expenditure has Treasury dedicated towards the development of a National Injury Insurance Scheme over the forward estimates?			24/01/2012	9/02/2012
683			683. How many staff are currently working on the development of a National Injury Insurance Scheme? a) Can the Department provide a breakdown by APS level?			24/01/2012	9/02/2012
684			684. Can Treasury provide a breakdown of expenditure by the working group to date?			24/01/2012	9/02/2012
685			685. What outcomes does the NIIS working group have to deliver by the next COAG meeting?			24/01/2012	9/02/2012
686			686. How much of the \$10 million the Government has so far committed towards the technical policy work has been given to Treasury and the National Injury Insurance Scheme?			24/01/2012	9/02/2012
687	Wright	Public Servants Superannuation Entitlements	687. According to the Budget Papers, this year the government will pay \$3 billion in superannuation benefits to retired public servants, \$3.5 billion in superannuation contributions for present staff and there is \$7.6 billion included in "nominal superannuation interest". The total is \$14.1 billion, which is 73% of the \$19.2 billion spent on wages and salaries. a) Is the government spending \$14.1 billion on superannuation entitlements for public servants this year? b) How is it that it is such a high percentage of the wages and salaries costs?	Written	PRID	Referred to Finance	
688	Bushby	R&D Tax Incentives	688. In modelling the introduction of the new R&D Tax Incentive program, how many firms did Treasury assess would receive payment in (a) 2010-11, (b) 2011-12, (c) 2012-13 and (d) 2013-14?	Written	BTD	16/02/2012	1/03/2012
689			689. What does Treasury assess will be the full amount of payments made through the R&D Tax Credit for (a) 2011-12, (b) 2012-13, (c) 2013-14 and (d) 2014-15 – and on what date were these assessments first made?			16/02/2012	1/03/2012

690			690. What has Treasury calculated would have been the full amount of payments made through the R&D Tax Concession if it had remained in place for (a) 2011-12, (b) 2012-13, (c) 2013-14 and (d) 2014-15 – and on what date were these calculations first made?			16/02/2012	1/03/2012
691	Bushby	Robin Hood Tax	691. Is Treasury aware of the recent IMF working paper (WP11/185) which concluded that a financial transaction tax (also known as a 'Tobin tax' or 'Robin Hood tax') is administratively feasible?	Written	FSD	16/11/2011	10/11/2011
692			692. Have Treasury done any work on the effect a one basis point (0.01 per cent) tax on wholesale financial transactions would have on exporters or importers buying foreign exchange or businesses managing their exposures to interest rates and exchange rates or raising funds from the stock-market?			16/11/2011	10/11/2011
693			693. Would such a tax be a stabilising influence on financial markets by dampening very short-term speculative transactions?			16/11/2011	10/11/2011
694			694. Is it a progressive, regressive or proportional tax? Will Australia support international moves to introduce such a tax if the matter is raised at the G-20?			16/11/2011	10/11/2011
695	Bob Brown	Sovereign Wealth Fund	695. One proposal to address the 'two speed economy' is to capture some of the revenue generated from the boom in mineral prices in a sovereign wealth fund and invest offshore. Is the experience of sovereign wealth funds investing outside their home economy that it reduces the appreciation of the exchange rate and so helps other export industries such as manufacturing and tourism prosper?	Written	MPD	23/11/2011	9/02/2012
696	Bob Brown	Superannuation Tax Concessions	696. At the Tax Forum, ACOSS suggested that half the tax concessions for superannuation go to the top 12 per cent of income earners. Does Treasury agree with this estimate?	Written	PRID		
697	Bob Brown	Taxation Revenue	697. Will the Government be producing a response to the Tax Forum? a) If so, when?	Written	TSD	27/01/2012	9/02/2012
698			698. What is the economic rationale for not allowing taxation revenue (and hence average expenditure) to exceed the proportion of GDP it represented in 2007-08? a) In particular, what is the rationale for limiting tax increases designed to ensure those imposing costs on the community bear those costs (such as carbon taxes, tobacco taxes and congestion charges)? b) How is the limit consistent with the Tax Forum Discussion Paper's observation of the 'longer term structural pressures on the budget such as future community demands for spending on health'?			27/01/2012	9/02/2012
699	Bob Brown	Taxes to Promote Healthy Eating	699. Denmark has recently introduced, with broad political support, a 'fat tax'. Some countries tax sugar. Has Treasury done any work on the potential for taxes to promote healthy eating?	Written	ITD	14/02/2012	1/03/2012

700	Di Natale	Wine Equalisation Tax	With regards to the Wine Equalisation Tax. Recent research has suggested that the current wine tax arrangements, which favour the production of cheaper varieties and the use of the cheapest grapes, are contributing to the wine glut and inhibiting industry restructuring. Two leading Australia wine companies, Treasury Wine Estate and Premium Wine Brands, have now indicated they are supportive of applying volumetric taxation to wine. 700. In light of this, are the government or Treasury reconsidering this delay in reforming the alcohol taxation system?	Written	ITD	7/12/2011	9/02/2012
701			701. Does the government or Department have any plans in place to review alcohol taxation reform in the near future?			7/12/2011	9/02/2012
702			702. The Government has been informed since 2008 that the Wine Equalisation Tax rebate (WET rebate) is being exploited. What steps have been taken to address the exploitation of the WET rebate?			7/12/2011	9/02/2012
703			703. The Australian National Audit Office's (ANAO) 2010 review of the administration of the Wine Equalisation Tax made a number of recommendations as to how to improve the administration of the WET rebate including tightening the definition of "wine producer". Have any actions been taken to address the ANAO's recommendations?			7/12/2011	9/02/2012
704			704. Are any reviews or plans in place regarding initiating a government-funded structural adjustment program for the wine industry?			7/12/2011	9/02/2012
705	Bushby	Staffing - Financial Year to Date	705. How many permanent staff recruited this FYTD? a) What classification are these staff?	Written	HRD	9/12/2011	9/02/2012
706			706. How many temporary positions exist or have been created this FYTD?			9/12/2011	9/02/2012
707			707. This FYTD, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?			9/12/2011	9/02/2012
708	Bushby	Staffing - 2010-11	708. How many permanent staff recruited for the year 2010-11? a) What classification are these staff?	Written	HRD	9/12/2011	9/02/2012
709			709. How many temporary positions exist or have been created for the year 2010-11?			9/12/2011	9/02/2012
710			710. For the year 2010-11, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?			9/12/2011	9/02/2012
711	Bushby	Staff Reduction	710. For the year 2010-11, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?	Written	HRD	9/12/2011	9/02/2012
712			712. If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.			9/12/2011	9/02/2012

713	Bushby	Efficiency Dividend	713. How has the efficiency dividend been implemented?	Written	HRD	23/11/2011	9/02/2012
714			714. Please list where and what spending has been reduced to meet the efficiency dividend.			23/11/2011	9/02/2012
715	Bushby	Government Advertising	715. What advertising – Campaign and Non-Campaign – did the Department/Agency undertaken in 2011-12? Provide details of each advertising, including the program the advertising was for, the total spend and the business that provided the advertising services.	Written	MCD	7/02/2012	9/02/2012
716			716. Did the Department of Finance and Deregulation provide any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item.			7/02/2012	9/02/2012
717			717. Did the Advertising comply with the Guidelines on Information and Advertising Campaigns by Australian Government Departments and Agencies (March 2010)? Provide the details for each advertising item.			7/02/2012	9/02/2012
718			718. Provide details for any other communications program, including details of the program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services.			7/02/2012	9/02/2012
719			719. What advertising – Campaign and Non-Campaign – and other communications programs is the Department/Agency undertaking, or are planning to undertake?			7/02/2012	9/02/2012
720			Bushby			Hospitality	720. What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for the year 2010-11? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events
721	721. What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.	30/11/2011		9/02/2012			
722	Bushby	Entertainment	722. What is the Department's entertainment spend for the year 2010-11? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.	Written	FFMD	30/11/2011	9/02/2012
723			723. What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.			30/11/2011	9/02/2012
724	Bushby	Communications	724. How many communications people are there in each of your departments and agencies? List their classification, position description, services they provide to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and any guidelines they must adhere to.	Written	MCD	7/02/2012	9/02/2012
725	Bushby	Freedom of Information	725. Has the Department/agency received any advice on how to respond to FOI requests?	Written	MCD	7/02/2012	9/02/2012
726			726. . How many FOI requests has the Department received for the year 2010-11? a) How many have been granted or denied?			7/02/2012	9/02/2012
727			727. How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests for the year 2010-11?			7/02/2012	9/02/2012

728			728. How many FOI requests has the Department received for this FYTD? a) How many have been granted or denied?			7/02/2012	9/02/2012
729			729. How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests for this FYTD?			7/02/2012	9/02/2012
730	Bushby	Reviews	730. For the year 2010-11, how many Reviews were being undertaken by all departments and agencies in each portfolio? a) When will each of these reviews be concluded? b) What reviews have been concluded? c) Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? d) When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? e) What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews?	Written	MCD		
731			731. For this financial year to date, what reviews are planned? a) When will each of these reviews be concluded? b) What reviews have been concluded this FYTD? c) Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? d) When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? e) What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews?				
732	Bushby	Consultancies	732. How many consultancies were undertaken in 2010-11? a) Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). b) Also include total value for all consultancies.	Written	MCD	27/01/2012	
733			733. Were there any changes to any of the portfolio's tenders in 2010-11? Detail any changes			27/01/2012	
734			734. How many consultancies have been undertaken or are underway this FYTD? a) Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). b) Also include total value for all consultancies.			27/01/2012	
735			735. Does each department and agency stand by its current tenders on the Austenders website? a) Have any changes or corrections been made for any tenders advertised on to Government Tenders website (www.tenders.gov.au) for tenders advertised this financial year? Explain. b) Are up to date with reporting requirements?			27/01/2012	

736			736. How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? a) Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? b) In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.			27/01/2012	
737	Bushby	Media Monitoring	737. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office for the year 2010-11? a) Which agency or agencies provided these services? b) What is the estimated budget to provide this same services for the year 2011-12? c) What has been spent providing these services FYTD?	Written	MCD	15/02/2012	1/03/2012
738			738. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Department and its agencies for the year 2010-11? a) Which agency or agencies provided these services? b) What is the estimated budget to provide this same services for the year 2011-12? c) What has been spent providing these services FYTD?			15/02/2012	1/03/2012
739	Bushby	Social Media	739. Has there been any changes to department and agency social media or protocols about staff access and useage of Youtube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs since May 2011? Please explain.	Written	IMTSD	13/02/2012	1/03/2012
740	Bushby	Contractors	Since May 2011: 740. Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details.	Written	FFMD	30/11/2011	9/02/2012
741			741. Has the department/agency ever employed Shannon's Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon's Way? If yes, provide details.			30/11/2011	9/02/2012
742			742. Has the department/agency ever employed John Utting & UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting & UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details.			30/11/2011	9/02/2012
743			743. Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details.			30/11/2011	9/02/2012
744			744. Has the department/agency ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details.			30/11/2011	9/02/2012

745			745. Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details.			30/11/2011	9/02/2012
746			746. Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details.			30/11/2011	9/02/2012
747			747. Has the department/agency ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details.			30/11/2011	9/02/2012
748			748. Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details			30/11/2011	9/02/2012
749	Bushby	Discretionary Grants	749. Could the Department provide a list of all discretionary grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for the year 2010-11? Please provide details of the recipients, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants.	Written	FFMD	30/11/2011	9/02/2012
750			750. Could the Department provide a list of all discretionary grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants FYTD? Please provide details of the recipients, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants.			30/11/2011	9/02/2012
751			751. Has the Department complied with interim requirements relating to the publication of discretionary grants?			30/11/2011	9/02/2012
752	Bushby	Commissioned Reports	752. How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your portfolio for the year 2010-11? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members. a) How much did each report cost? b) How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level? c) What is the current status of each report? d) When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?	Written	MCD	15/02/2012	1/03/2012
753			753. How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your portfolio FYTD? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members. a) How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? b) How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level?			15/02/2012	1/03/2012

			c) What is the current status of each report? d).When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?				
754	Bushby	Government Payments of Accounts	754. For the year 2010-11, did the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e.within 30 days)? If not, why not, a) what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached.) b) For accounts not paid within 30 days, was interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency for the current financial year and the previous financial year? c) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?	Written	FFMD	30/11/2011	9/02/2012
755			755. For the FYTD, has the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e.within 30 days)? If not, why not, a) what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached. b) For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency for the current financial year and the previous financial year? c) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?			30/11/2011	9/02/2012
756	Bushby	Government Stationery Requirements	756. How much was spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio (i.e. paper, envelopes, with compliments slips) in 2010-11?	Written	FFMD	30/11/2011	9/02/2012
757			756. How much was spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio (i.e. paper, envelopes, with compliments slips) in 2010-11?			30/11/2011	9/02/2012

758	Bushby	Media Subscriptions	758. Does your department within your portfolio subscribe to pay TV (for example Foxtel)? a) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels. b) What was the cost for 2010-11? c) What is the estimated cost for 2011-12?	Written	FFMD	30/11/2011	9/02/2012
759			759. Does your department within your portfolio subscribe to newspapers? a) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers. b) What was the cost for 2010-11? c) What is the estimated cost for 2011-12?			30/11/2011	9/02/2012
760			760. Does your department within your portfolio subscribe to magazines? a) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines. b) What was the cost for 2010-11? c) What is the estimated cost for 2011-12?			30/11/2011	9/02/2012
761	Bushby	Travel Costs	761. For the year 2010-11, please detail all travel (itemised separately) undertaken by employees of each department and agency within each portfolio. Include details of what the travel was for, what cost was spent on travel (including travel type – i.e. business airfare), accommodation, security, food, beverages (alcohol listed separately), gifts, entertainment, and all other expenses.	Written	HRD	7/02/2012	9/02/2012
762			761. For the year 2010-11, please detail all travel (itemised separately) undertaken by employees of each department and agency within each portfolio. Include details of what the travel was for, what cost was spent on travel (including travel type – i.e. business airfare), accommodation, security, food, beverages (alcohol listed separately), gifts, entertainment, and all other expenses.			7/02/2012	9/02/2012
763	Bushby	Legal Costs	763. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for the year 2010-11 within the department and agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.	Written	FFMD	30/11/2011	9/02/2012
764			764. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for the year 2010-11 from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.			30/11/2011	9/02/2012
765			765. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for the year 2010-11 from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.			30/11/2011	9/02/2012
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768			768. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services FYTD from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.			30/11/2011	9/02/2012
769			769. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services FYTD from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.			30/11/2011	9/02/2012
770			770. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services FYTD from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.			30/11/2011	9/02/2012
771	Bushby	Education Expenses	771. For the year 2010-11, detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for each portfolio department and agency. Include what type of course, the total cost, cost per participant, how many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant.	Written	FFMD	30/11/2011	9/02/2012
772			772. For the FYTD, detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for each portfolio department and agency. Include what type of course, the total cost, cost per participant, how many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant.			30/11/2011	9/02/2012
773	Bushby	Executive Coaching and Leadership Training - 2010-11	773. In relation to the purchase of executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each portfolio department and agency, please provide the following information for the year 2010-11: a) Total spending on these services b) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification c) The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted d) The names of all service providers engaged	Written	HRD	24/01/2012	9/02/2012

774			774. For each service purchased form a provider listed under (d) above, please provide: a) The name and nature of the service purchased b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification d) The total number of hours involved for all employees e) The total amount spent on the service f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)			24/01/2012	9/02/2012
775			775. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: a) The location used b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location			24/01/2012	9/02/2012
776	Bushby	Executive Coaching and Leadership Training - Financial Year to Date	776. In relation to the purchase of executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each portfolio department and agency, please provide the following information FYTD: a) Total spending on these services b) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification c) The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted d) The names of all service providers engaged	Written	HRD	7/02/2012	9/02/2012
777			777. For each service purchased form a provider listed under (d) above, please provide: a) The name and nature of the service purchased b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification d) The total number of hours involved for all employees e) The total amount spent on the service f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)			7/02/2012	9/02/2012
778			778. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: a) The location used b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location			7/02/2012	9/02/2012

779	Bushby	Paid Parental Leave	779. Please list how many staff in each portfolio department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme?	Written	HRD	9/12/2011	9/02/2012
780			780. For the year 2010-11 list which portfolio department and agencies are providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? a) Please list how many staff are in receipt of these payments.			9/12/2011	9/02/2012
781			781. For the FYTD list which portfolio department and agencies are providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? a) Please list how many staff are in receipt of these payments.			9/12/2011	9/02/2012
782	Bushby	Corporate Cars	782. How many cars are owned by each department and agency in your portfolio? a) Where is the car/s located? b) What is the car/s used for? c) What is the cost of each car for 2010-11? d).How far did each car travel in 2010-11?	Written	FFMD	30/11/2011	9/02/2012
783	Bushby	Taxi Costs	783. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis in 2010-11? a) Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency	Written	FFMD	30/11/2011	9/02/2012
784	Bushby	Credit Cards	784. How many staff in each department and agency have a corporate credit card? a) What is their classification?	Written	FFMD	30/11/2011	9/02/2012
785			785. What action is taken if the corporate credit card is misused?			30/11/2011	9/02/2012
786			786. How is corporate credit card use monitored?			30/11/2011	9/02/2012
787			787. What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered?			30/11/2011	9/02/2012
788			788. Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered? a) List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken.			30/11/2011	9/02/2012
789			789. What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse?			30/11/2011	9/02/2012
790	Bushby	Carbon Price Legislation	790. How was your department/agency consulted in the development of the carbon price package?	Written	MMD	14/02/2012	1/03/2012
791			791. Is the carbon price package consistent with all of the policies in your department/agency?			14/02/2012	1/03/2012
792	Bushby	Hospitality - Ministerial Offices	792. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend for the year 2010-11. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.	Written	HRD	16/12/2011	9/02/2012

793			793. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend for the year 2010-11. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.			16/12/2011	9/02/2012
794			794. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.			16/12/2011	9/02/2012
795			795. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.			16/12/2011	9/02/2012
796	Bushby	Board Appointments	796. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio?	Written	MCD	23/11/2011	9/02/2012
797			797. Detail any board appointments for the year 2010-11.			23/11/2011	9/02/2012
798			798. Please detail any board appointments for the FYTD.			23/11/2011	9/02/2012
799	Bushby	Travel Costs - Ministerial Offices	799. For the year 2010-11, please detail all travel (itemised separately,) undertaken by your portfolio Minister and Parliamentary Secretaries. Include details of what the travel was for, what cost was spent on travel (including travel type – i.e. business airfare), accommodation, security, food, beverages (alcohol listed separately), gifts, entertainment, and all other expenses.	Written	IG20D	9/02/2012	1/03/2012
800			800. For the year 2010-11, please provide the same information (itemised separately) for any Minister and Parliamentary staff that accompanied the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary on their travel and include a similar breakdown of the costs incurred by or on behalf of those staff.			9/02/2012	1/03/2012
801			801. For the year 2010-11, please provide the same information (itemised separately) for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary on their travel and include a similar breakdown of the costs incurred by or on behalf of those staff.			9/02/2012	1/03/2012
802			802. For the FYTD, please detail all travel (itemised separately) undertaken by your portfolio Minister and Parliamentary Secretaries. Include details of what the travel was for, what cost was spent on travel (including travel type – i.e. business airfare), accommodation, security, food, beverages (alcohol listed separately), gifts, entertainment, and all other expenses.			9/02/2012	1/03/2012
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804			804. For the FYTD, please provide the same information (itemised separately) for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary on their travel and include a similar breakdown			9/02/2012	1/03/2012

			of the costs incurred by or on behalf of those staff.				
805	Bushby	Training for Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries	805. How much is spent on training for Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for.	Written	FFMD	30/11/2012	9/02/2012
806	Cormann	Opt-in Proposal - Future of Financial Advice	Senator CORMANN: Given that the opt-in proposal did not come out of the Ripoll inquiry, where did the proposal for an opt-in requirement first come from? Did somebody present it— Mr Murphy: Yes, that would have come through submissions. Senator CORMANN: Who first put it to government as an idea to pursue? Mr Murphy: I cannot— Senator Sherry: We might have to take that on notice. Senator CORMANN: I would be very interested to find out. I am happy for you to take it on notice. Mr Murphy: I think what is important is: what is the policy objective you are trying to achieve? But we will find out for you.	19/10/11 - pg 106-107	RID	14/02/2012	1/03/2012
807	Cormann	Intrafund Advice	Senator CORMANN: Are there any limitations on the type of advice that can be provided under this classification of intrafund advice? Ms Vroombout: Yes. Senator CORMANN: What are the limitations? Ms Vroombout: I do not have the detail with me. As I say, they are still subject to government consideration. Senator Sherry: The advice to government is being finalised. Senator CORMANN: To the extent that you can share that with us on notice it would be very much appreciated.	19/10/11 - pg 107	RID	14/02/2012	1/03/2012

808	Xenophon	Continuous Disclosure of State-Owned Enterprises	<p>Senator XENOPHON: Is there a duty of continuous disclosure that if at the time there is no apparent link to a state owned enterprise but there is subsequently a link after the purchase is made—in other words, the company might get in trouble and whilst the owner is still the same you find that backing is guaranteed by a state owned enterprise? Once the purchase has been approved, to what extent can there be continuous disclosure?</p> <p>Mr Di Giorgio: Once an approval has been made, that finishes that particular part of the process. If the ownership changes in the future, they are obliged to—</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: No—the ownership remains the same but you have a guarantee from a state owned enterprise. These are genuine questions about policy. Does the act and the current rules preclude a duty of continuing review or scrutiny of such a transaction? In other words, if circumstances change, even though the ownership structure is nominally the same, can you look into such a transaction? I think the answer is no from what you have said.</p> <p>Mr Di Giorgio: I do not believe so.</p> <p>Mr Murphy: If there were some suspicion of that or the potential for that, you could impose a condition. That would bring it back in—</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Just a minute: time is short and I want to drill down on this issue. Would it be unreasonable to say, in terms of the powers of the Foreign Investment Review Board or of Treasury, that if the board had the power to look at transactions that had been approved and became aware of new circumstances, such as the ownership being the same but there now being the guarantee of a state owned enterprise behind it, that there could be a safeguard so that a de facto change of ownership or control would be something that was subject to scrutiny. In other words: an overarching condition.</p> <p>Mr Hill: It is conceivable that, in the future, if circumstances change in some way that link to ownership but not explicitly we could have powers under the act to reinterpret whether the national interest is affected or not.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Are you saying you have those powers now?</p> <p>Mr Hill: I think we might have in some circumstances.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Would you take it on notice?</p> <p>Mr Murphy: Yes, we'll take it on notice.</p> <p>Mr Hill: It is a complex area, and derivative instruments that exchange hands after the event could culminate in an acquisition of interests—it might not be a direct interest, but it could be a derivative interest. We made changes to legislation just last year to capture more-complex transactions. That could reopen the powers that the Treasurer has under</p>	19/10/11 - 116-117	FITPD	13/02/2012	1/03/2012
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			<p>section 26.  Mr Murphy: We'll give you written advice.  Senator XENOPHON: I'd be grateful if you would provide that on notice.</p>				
809	Williams	Application to Purchase Australian Farmland	<p>Senator WILLIAMS: Would that be too difficult a question for you to take on notice? In other words, every application you have seen has been approved or recommended by FIRB. Could you take on notice the question of how many applications to FIRB on state owned entities to purchase Australian farmland there have been over the last three years?  Mr Di Giorgio: Sure.  Senator WILLIAMS: And we know they have all been approved, haven't they?  Mr Di Giorgio: Correct.  Senator WILLIAMS: Just check that as well, if you could, please.  Senator Sherry: We will take it on notice.</p>	19/10/11 - pg 118	FITPD		

810	Cormann	Debt-free-equity Release Products	<p>Senator CORMANN: Perhaps we could just go back a bit. I am interested in what work you are doing currently, if any, in relation to this concept of debt-free-equity-release products in the context of a broader retirement policy framework, and also the recommendations in the Productivity Commission report Caring for Older Australians to establish a government-backed Australian aged care home credit scheme.</p> <p>Mr Murphy: I would refer you to the statements by the Treasurer and Minister Shorten at the tax forum in terms of annuities, equity-release products and all those types of products. It seems there is a dearth of those products that can assist people in planning their retirement income.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Specifically, though, in relation to debt-free-equity release and the recommendations that the government should consider establishing a government-backed Australian aged care home credit scheme, has Treasury done any costings?</p> <p>Mr Murphy: No, not that I am aware of. I can check it out. I think these are being looked at, but in that broader context.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: So there is no active consideration. But, if there was, would it be your area of Treasury that would be looking at it?</p> <p>Mr Murphy: It could be the markets area or it could be the revenue group. On the equity-release ones, there have been some problems with those products in terms of individuals committing themselves and not really being fully apprised of the conditions of the transaction.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Can you talk us through some of the problems you have identified or that you are aware of?</p> <p>Mr Murphy: They relate to people who have been given loans. You are referring to a case in which a person puts their home up—</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: No, what I am talking about is this product which has been floated as another component of a retirement policy framework whereby, rather than selling a share in the equity of their home, people can sell a share of the proceeds in a future sale.</p> <p>Mr Murphy: There are a few products around and there are two points I would make. One is that government announced in the Tax Forum that it is going to look at—I do not know the time frame—annuity products and these sorts of retirement planning products. At the same time, there is some mischief out there in some of these equity release products which people are looking at.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Mischief?</p> <p>Mr Murphy: There are some very good products and there are also some products where people are getting conned and there are problems.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: I would be interested in getting, maybe on notice,</p>	19/10/11 - pg 118-119	PRID	15/02/2012	1/03/2012
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			<p>an outline of the good products and the products where people are getting conned. I did not think that they were all that widely available yet. I am looking at this Access Economics report— Mr Murphy: Yes, they have one and it seems quite a good product, but I am aware of others where there have been issues.</p>				
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811	Cormann	Debt-free-equity Release Products#2	<p>Senator CORMANN: But Treasury has not costed or assessed any specific scenarios that are recommended either in the Productivity Commission report or in the Access Economics report so far?</p> <p>Mr Murphy: Not so far, but—</p> <p>Ms Vroombout: What I can say is that in the credit enhancements bill that has been introduced to the parliament there are some provisions that deal with risks around reverse mortgages.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: I am not talking about reverse mortgages here.</p> <p>Mr Murphy: That is what I was going to. You were talking about Delivering for Seniors?</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: I am talking about debt free equity release products, which is quite a different proposition.</p> <p>Mr Lonsdale: Without seeing the paperwork, I think we are familiar with the product that you mentioned. The way that we think about it, though, is in a very broad sense. This is one particular product among a suite of products that are out there to manage longevity issues. The way that we look at it in the Treasury is really top-down, in a sense. First of all, what are the longevity issues and what is the best way to handle them?</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: What I am trying to find out, not to put too fine a point on it, is whether the debt free equity release products would be, from a policy point of view, a good additional component of how to manage longevity risks and so on in the future. If it is a positive thing and there are no significant issues attached to it, what sort of facilitation could the Commonwealth government appropriately provide to kick-start the thing along? That is what I am interested in. Of course, the Productivity Commission has made some recommendations along those lines and I want to understand where Treasury is at in relation to it. So it is a sincere question. If you could provide some feedback and your perspective on that on notice, it would be much appreciated.</p> <p>Mr Murphy: Okay.</p>	19/10/11 - pg 119	PRID	15/02/2012	1/03/2012
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812	Bushby	Bank on a Better Deal' Campaign	<p>Senator BUSHBY: The Bank on a Better Deal awareness campaign had budgeted \$10.2 million to be spent in the last financial year and a further \$4.8 million this year. Was the \$10.2 million spent in the last financial year.</p> <p>Mr Lonsdale: No, only a fraction of that money has been spent today and only a portion of the campaign has actually happened to date.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: Is there an intention to proceed with that campaign?</p> <p>Mr Lonsdale: Yes, there is.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: What was left over from the \$10.2 million from last year that has been brought forward to this year?</p> <p>Mr Lonsdale: Let me check. The total budget is \$15 million.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: Fifteen exactly. In other words, it is broken up as 10.2 for last year and 4.8 for this year.</p> <p>Mr Lonsdale: I can come back to you on that, Senator. My understanding is that of the 10.2 only a fraction of that money has been spent.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: That is what was indicated in June. I was wondering whether for the remainder of that month you managed to spend the rest of it or not, and, if not, where it is now and what the intention is.</p> <p>Mr Lonsdale: My understanding is that that money will be spent over the course of the next 12 months as the campaign develops.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: When is the campaign likely to be realised?</p> <p>Mr Lonsdale: I can talk in a high-level way, but if you would like more detail our corporate services people would probably be best placed to handle it. But, in a broad way, what you have seen is some advertising take place on exit fees. Some more advertising will take place over the next few months on a range of other measures contained in the banking package.</p> <p>Senator Sherry: We will take it on notice to provide the detail.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: If there is a program planned could you take it on notice to provide the full details, including how much is likely to be spent and when.</p>	19/10/11 - pg 122	MCD	7/02/2012	9/02/2012
813	Bernardi	Seagrim on Astarra	<p>Senator BERNARDI: In that same statement that was released by Seagrims—whether it was a statement or was given to InvestorDaily—it says:</p> <p>Seagrim said after ASIC's 20-month investigation into the group's links to Astarra Asset Management, the regulator had found concerns with 20 of the 1000 statements of additional advice the group posted to clients.</p>	20/10/11 - pg 87	ASIC	15/02/2012	1/03/2012

814			<p>Is that figure accurate—that you only found issue with 20 of the 1,000?</p> <p>Mr Price: I will need to take the question on notice.</p> <p>Senator BERNARDI: If you would not mind, I would appreciate it.</p> <p>Senator WILLIAMS: Welcome, Mr Medcraft, and representatives from ASIC. Can you confirm a rumour that has been put to me today that ASIC this morning raided the offices of Equititrust and the house of the group's founder, Mark McIvor? Or is asking that question out of order?</p> <p>Mr Medcraft: I will take it on notice.</p>			15/02/2012	1/03/2012
815	Bushby	Theft and Fraud in Trio	<p>Senator BUSHBY: How did APRA become aware that theft or fraud had occurred in Trio? Was it APRA auditors, media reports, police information? What alerted you to the fact that that had actually occurred?</p> <p>Mr Jones: I am not quite certain what the trigger event was in late 2009. I would guess it was that they were unable to make redemptions, but I am not 100 per cent certain what the trigger was.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: If you could take that on notice, I would appreciate it.</p> <p>Mr Jones: I am sure it will be in our submission.</p>	20/10/11 - pg 79	APRA	24/01/2012	9/02/2012
816	Cormann	Review of Shared Services	<p>Senator CORMANN: You are currently conducting a review into the shared services area?</p> <p>Mr Medcraft: As I say, we had a review done of shared services some time ago and as part of an efficiency objective. We reviewed that area and we had a consultant look at it, who made recommendations in relation to a restructure. Some of those recommendations have been implemented. That saw 32 people leave the organisation.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: What is the current budget for this shared services area in ASIC?</p> <p>Mr Medcraft: I will come back to you on notice on that particular item.</p>	20/10/11 - pg 95	ASIC	13/02/2012	1/03/2012
817	Cormann	The McKinsey Review	<p>Senator CORMANN: Are you aware of the McKinsey review?</p> <p>Mr Medcraft: Yes.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: What were the recommendations that came out of that review?</p> <p>Mr Medcraft: The McKinsey review was done before I joined ASIC.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: But under the current government—2008 I think it was.</p> <p>Mr Medcraft: Yes, it was 2008, before I joined ASIC. It was the basis upon which the reorganisation of ASIC occurred to create stakeholder groups. If there is something in relation to deterrence in that report, again I would have to take that on notice.</p>	20/10/2011 - pg 95	ASIC	13/02/2012	1/03/2012

818	Williams	ASF Licence	<p>Senator Williams: I have one more question. If you claim to have an ASF licence and you actually do not and you are doing business, is that a criminal offence? One of Ian Lazar's companies, Commercial Mortgage Trade, claimed that they are a holder of an ASF licence number—284596—but a quick check of the ASIC register reveals that, in fact, this licence belonged to an innocent third party who denies categorically any involvement with Lazar and any of his companies and who has lodged a complaint with ASIC. I understand that falsely claiming to hold an ASF licence is a criminal offence carrying severe penalties. Is that the situation, Mr Day?</p> <p>Mr Day: I would have to go away and look at it.</p> <p>Mr Medcraft: It is a breach of the law, whether it is criminal or civil, I think.</p> <p>Mr Day: More importantly, holding out depending on what the person</p>	20/10/11 - pg 90-91	ASIC	14/02/2012	1/03/2012
819	Cormann	ASIC Funding - Staff Redundancies and Efficiency	<p>Senator CORMANN: You seem to be avoiding the question, Mr Medcraft. Have you been provided with advice that those redundancies in the deterrence team were not genuine redundancies under the Fair Work Act, because, and I quote: "The restructure did not result in any efficiencies and there had been no downturn in deterrence work"?</p> <p>Mr Medcraft: Not to my knowledge, but I am happy to take that on notice as to whether we have had some advice to that effect. I am not aware of it, but I will take it on notice. As I said, I believe that the restructure was executed in good faith. It was done for efficiency reasons. In reference to my earlier comments to Senator Williams, in running ASIC it is about trying to use the resources most efficiently with what you have to get the outcomes you are looking to achieve.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Sure. Have you been provided with advice that these redundancies of deterrence staff would have a significant effect on ASIC's ability to fulfil your deterrence role into 2012 and that it would lead to a decrease in public confidence in the regulator?</p> <p>Mr Medcraft: I will take that on notice.</p>	20/10/11 - pg 92	ASIC	13/02/2012	1/03/2012

820	Cormann	ASIC Funding - Carbon Reforms	<p>Mr Price: My understanding is that additional funding has been provided to ASIC in relation to carbon reforms.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: How much?</p> <p>Mr Price: I cannot answer that question off the top of my head.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: So additional funding has been provided, but you do not know how much.</p> <p>Mr Medcraft: We do know but we can take it on notice to provide the details.</p> <p>Mr Price: I just cannot tell you off the top of my head, and the number of resources actually depends on what financial year you are looking at.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Talking about resources, we had a discussion—</p> <p>Mr Medcraft: If it does interest you, Senator, we can give you some articles on the issue.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Of course it interests me.</p> <p>Mr Medcraft: We will provide some of those articles I brought back from Paris.</p>	20/10/11 - pg 91-92	ASIC	13/02/2012	1/03/2012
821	Cormann	ASIC Funding - Staff Cutbacks	<p>Senator Cormann: Can you just confirm: have you now gone down to the 205 staff positions that were envisaged when the staff cutbacks were initiated?</p> <p>Mr Medcraft: We have completed the restructure that we discussed earlier this year. I do not have in mind the exact number but something around the 80-mark.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Two hundred and fifty-nine down to—</p> <p>Mr Medcraft: I will take that on notice and will come back with the exact figures. The restructure has been completed that we covered that in previous Senate estimates.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Can you confirm for us how many people have been made redundant in the past 18 months?</p> <p>Mr Medcraft: We will. I will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: It is about 80, is it?</p> <p>Mr Medcraft: That is my recollection, but I will confirm that.</p>	20/10/11 - pg 92	ASIC	13/02/2012	1/03/2012

822	Williams	Mr Burt	<p>Senator WILLIAMS: Is the letter that Mr Burt signed genuine? Is it his signature?</p> <p>Mr Dwyer: I am not sure if we can comment on the particular aspects of any investigation. Mr Day?</p> <p>Mr Day: It is an important matter and obviously it is of concern to a large number of people. It is a matter that I recall you having raised during the Senate inquiry and I think you raised it with us previously. It is a matter that we have been aware of through various contacts with us since 2005 and it is a matter that the organisation has considered at length on a number of occasions. I agree with Mr Dwyer: in relation to the forensic considerations and whether or not it is Mr Burt's signature, I do not think I want to go into that here. I can respond to you on notice about that, if you like.</p> <p>We looked at the material that has been made available to us all the way through on successive occasions—there have been a number of occasions. We have looked at that and, again, in relation to the matters that we looked at, we cannot see that there is a matter at this time that we should action. As you noted in your question, the matter was considered by the New South Wales police. Our view, generally speaking, is that matters of straight blue-collar fraud are matters that the police should be interested in, but whether or not the police choose to take that up obviously is a matter for the New South Wales police.</p>	20/10/11 - pg 89	ASIC	16/02/2012	1/03/2012
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823	Bushby	Enforcement Actions	<p>Senator BUSHBY: How do you classify your enforcement actions?</p> <p>Mr Jones: There would be enforcement actions that might be taken via a court process; there may be enforcement actions that may be taken via negotiation. For example, enforceable undertakings are done via a negotiated process, so we talk about all of our enforcement activities and we list those enforcement activities—as I said, again as documented in the annual report—and we classify them according to certain categories. Some of them would be court based processes; others would be via enforceable undertakings; others can be via conditions on licenses and so on. There are a range of mechanisms by which we would classify them.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: It sounds like you do have that information and that you do classify it. I am happy for you to take it on notice and provide that to the committee?</p> <p>Mr Jones: This is what I am talking about in this table.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: But that is how many you have undertaken; I am interested in how many are current.</p> <p>Mr Jones: How many we have right now?</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: Yes.</p> <p>Mr Jones: Yes, we can do that.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: Thank you.</p> <p>Mr Jones: Under each of those categories?</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: Particularly in relation to superannuation.</p> <p>Mr Jones: Each of those categories in relation to superannuation?</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: Yes. I know you already have there general insurance, life insurance, friendly societies et cetera, but I am particularly interested in superannuation.</p> <p>Mr Jones: Yes.</p> <p>Dr Laker: Senator, that table will be updated in our annual report for this year which we will be tabling shortly.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: Thank you. Is there a date when that is due?</p> <p>Dr Laker: We have an obligation to provide it to the minister, and on the table and process it is in the minister's hands.</p> <p>Senator Sherry: Presumably taking on notice your question would go including the breakdown of the aggregate data which we have been discussing and which will be released, and then—</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: We have an updated table. I would be interested in that, but I am interested also in what is live at the moment as well.</p> <p>Mr Jones: Of course, the thing with enforcement is that what we may describe as currently live can actually go back many years.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: Absolutely, and some of these things take a while to resolve.</p>	20/10/11 - pg 74-75	APRA	9/02/2012	1/03/2012
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824	Bushby	External Contractors	<p>Senator BUSHBY: I understand. When you engage external contractors, effectively, I presume they would need to sign up to a secrecy and confidentiality agreement.</p> <p>Mr Jones: Yes.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: Is that a standard formal agreement?</p> <p>Mr Jones: Yes.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: Do you sign up to everybody? I could use the same agreement with all external contractors?</p> <p>Mr Jones: Possibly not. It would depend upon the nature of the contracting work. I might have to take that on notice in the sense that for an IT contractor it may be significantly different to the confidentiality agreement we would take for a lawyer that is looking at a lot of confidential material. I am not quite certain of that.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: I imagine they may well, in some circumstances, be tailored to the type of work that they are doing. They would have different exposure to different information.</p> <p>Mr Jones: I would think so, yes.</p> <p>Dr Laker: The general principle of it would require anybody working in that capacity to accept confidentiality obligations that we are under.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: That is a fairly tight document that ties them down, in that respect.</p> <p>Mr Jones: Yes.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: It is not like just a general, 'We agree to abide.' You abide by a specific document that they would sign up to.</p>	20/10/11 - pg 76	APRA	24/01/2012	9/02/2012
825	Bushby	Fund Valuation and Unit-Pricing Policies	<p>Senator BUSHBY: And that is the only enforcement action that you have taken generally in terms of that policy—sending out letters?</p> <p>Mr Jones: On that particular issue?</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: In terms of the fund valuation and unit pricing policy.</p> <p>Mr Jones: The valuation issue is something that trustees are expected to have an understanding of all the time. It also depends upon the nature of their assets. If the assets are assets that it is harder to get valuations on—for example, infrastructure assets—there are certain processes they are required to go through to get those valuations and so on.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: What I am interested in—and I am happy for you to take it on notice—is how often you have had to take action after identifying that that policy is not being fully complied with.</p> <p>Mr Jones: In terms of what I would loosely describe as formal enforcement action, issuing direction, I think the answer would be none. But in terms of—</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: I am interested in those where you have had to intervene in some way—once again, I do not want details of individual</p>	20/10/11 - pg 72	APRA	24/01/2012	9/02/2012

			<p>funds. Mr Jones: Okay.</p>				
826	Cameron	Melbourne Airport	<p>Senator CAMERON: I ask you to take on notice—you are the Productivity Commission—if you can provide the Senate with any figures where a service sector business is producing as much operating margin from revenue, on a proportional basis, as Melbourne airport. I think that is something that we would be interested in. I am sure the Melbourne public would be interested in that as well.</p> <p>Mr Banks: Senator, as we are completing our final report we would have to think about the extent to which we can answer that question without tripping up ourselves and the government in relation to that final report. I think the point you are raising is about the profitability being excessive and that is something that we should take into account.</p>	20/10/11 - pg 53	PC	21/12/2011	9/02/2012
827	Cameron	Melbourne Airport Access Conditions	<p>Senator CAMERON: Yes. Just for my sake, I want to put these on notice so we do not get caught up in this all afternoon. There are other senators seeking the call. In relation to Melbourne Airport, the ACCC says access conditions are 'unreasonable'—this is off-airport operators. The Productivity Commission says 'information about terms and conditions of access' is not transparent. I would like some analysis of why you believe it is not transparent and whether you do believe access conditions are unreasonable. In relation to kerbside drop-offs and pick-ups, the ACCC says airports across the country may restrict kerbside drop-offs and pick-ups to force travellers into short-term car parks. The Productivity Commission says reducing kerbside drop-off and pick-up facilities would create unwanted congestion. Again, I would like some analysis in relation to the ACCC position and how you have come to the conclusion that congestion is the issue and it is not an unnecessary restriction. So they are the questions. You can make the call, but my</p>	20/10/11 - pg 54	PC	21/12/2011	9/02/2012

			<p>view is that none of them would impede the ongoing inquiry that you are undertaking. In fact, turning your mind to these issues might help you.</p> <p>Mr Banks: Thank you for allowing us to make the call, Senator. If we possibly can answer some or all of those questions, we will, but otherwise they will be embedded in the final report. We would be happy also to get back to you directly at that point, when the final report is released.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Thank you.</p>				
828	Xenophon	NSW Ggas Scheme	<p>Senator XENOPHON: When the Productivity Commission did a review of carbon pricing mechanisms in other jurisdictions—I think the report was released in May of this year—did you look at New South Wales's GGas scheme, which was a baseline credit scheme; it was all carrot and no stick? Did you look at those sorts of schemes, which formed the basis of the Frontier Economics modelling for an intensity-based scheme, which some say, and I am among them, is a more efficient way to reduce carbon emissions? Was that within your brief or was that something that the commission did?</p> <p>Mr Banks: We were looking at electricity and transport as the two key areas around the world, and we also looked at the most important policies and programs in Australia. In terms of the particular program you are mentioning, we would have included that.</p> <p>Ms Gropp: We did look at that. For example, table 4.3 of the report on page 83 has the results of the subsidy equivalent of different schemes including the GGas scheme, the amount of abatement achieved and the implicit abatement subsidy from that scheme. My recollection is that there were some issues around the data.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: I am happy for that to be taken on notice. That is not what I wanted to ask you about but I thought it was worthwhile, further to Senator Cormann's line of questioning.</p>	20/10/11 - pg 59	PC	19/01/2012	9/02/2012

829	Cormann	Overseas Entities	<p>Senator CORMANN: The hedge funds we are talking about, just to remind ourselves of the circumstances, were registered in Caribbean tax havens, like Saint Lucia and the British Virgin Islands. I guess the accusation that hangs in the air and that I am keen for you to address with the committee is that APRA took no action against Trio Capital until after the scam was exposed—12 months later—publicly.</p> <p>Mr Jones: As I said to the Ripoll inquiry into Trio, many superannuation funds use offshore tax havens to legally minimise the tax that they pay. Many infrastructure assets and many hedge funds are overseas entities. So the fact that it was an overseas entity was not reason for us to immediately say, as it subsequently turned out, that there was fraud going on in that fund.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: How much money was invested in those two funds.</p> <p>Mr Jones: I would have to take that on notice in terms of exactly how much money is invested in the two funds. I know that the total amount of the losses so far is around \$100 million.</p>	20/10/11 - pg 78	APRA	24/01/2012	9/02/2012
830	Bushby	Unit-Pricing Policies	<p>Could APRA comment on how often it has enforced its fund valuation and unit pricing policies during the past five years, instancing, without reference to particular funds, the occasions that it has directed super fund trustees to comply with the letter and spirit of its valuation and unit-pricing policies?</p> <p>Mr Jones: If you want an exact number over the past five years—</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: If you need to take that on notice that would be fine.</p> <p>Mr Jones: I would have to take that number on notice.</p>	20/10/11 - pg 72	APRA	24/01/2012	9/02/2012
831	Bushby	Prudential Reviews	<p>Senator BUSHBY: How many prudential reviews would have been conducted in each of the four Trio funds in the five-year period leading to the collapse of the funds?</p> <p>Mr Jones: I will have to take that on notice. Once again, because we engage in risk based supervision, in all probability when I go back and check we will find that the frequency with which we have worked with the Trio board increased significantly in 2008-09 relative to 2004-05.</p>	20/10/11 - pg 80	APRA	9/02/2012	1/03/2012

832	Bushby	Industry Super Funds Advertisements	<p>Senator BUSHBY: Has ASIC run its eye over the current industry fund superannuation advertisements to ensure that they comply with previous guidance to super funds and listed entities?</p> <p>Mr Medcraft: Not that I am aware of, but we will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: In doing so, I refer you to the Australian Securities and Investments Commission's finding in 2005 that the comparisons in the ads that were running at that time were misleading because they assumed the fee differential would remain unchanged. They said that past performance, on which projections were made, was not a reliable indicator of returns. ASIC gave some directions to industry super funds at that point about their advertisements. In the past months, advertisements have been appearing that look very similar to the ones that were running then. I would be very interested in knowing whether you have taken any interest in those and, if you have, whether you have taken any action or will look into it.</p> <p>Mr Medcraft: I will take that on notice.</p>	20/10/11 - pg 100	ASIC	15/02/2012	1/03/2012
833	Bushby	Industry Super Funds Advertisements #2	<p>Senator BUSHBY: I know you have a note there, Mr Day; is that something you can help me with now?</p> <p>Mr Day: Those advertisements, did reappear shortly after we had issued that guidance—</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: They did but they were modified in accordance with your guidance.</p> <p>Mr Day: Correct. My understanding is that we would always monitor ads in that area.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: But if they do not seem—</p> <p>Mr Day: Senator, I would like to ask of you, which I know is unusual: are you aware of an ad that does not comply with that guidance?</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: They do not appear to contain the figures regarding the assumptions that were previously in the advertisements. That is my understanding.</p> <p>Mr Medcraft: I think it is probably better we take it on notice. I am not aware of any problems. It is certainly not what I have been briefed on, and I do look closely at this area. We will come back to you.</p>	20/10/11 - pg 100	ASIC	13/02/2012	1/03/2012
834	Cormann	Referrals to the Deterrence Team	<p>Senator CORMANN: Is there anybody at the table who can tell me whether referrals to the deterrence team have reduced, stayed the same or increased?</p> <p>Mr Day: We would have to do take that on notice.</p> <p>Mr Medcraft: We do not have the specific statistics on the number of referrals here. We will provide that to you, Senator.</p>	20/10/11 - pg 93	ASIC	13/02/2012	1/03/2012

835	Cormann	Proportion of online Purchasing	<p>Senator CORMANN: What is the timetable in terms of getting some reporting on the proportion of online purchasing?</p> <p>Mr Ewing: From the HES?</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Yes.</p> <p>Mr Ewing: I think the publication of that information will probably be when it is processed. I suspect we will have to look into the resources we need to complete that processing.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Are you doing it within existing resources, or are you being given extra resources for this?</p> <p>Mr Ewing: We have not any extra resources for that. It would involve some extra processing of the HES dated to extract that information.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Have you quantified the cost that is associated with implementing these recommendations?</p> <p>Mr Pink: We would have to take that on notice.</p>	20/10/11 - pg 105-106	ABS	14/02/2012	1/03/2012
836	Abetz	Data Collected on Same-Sex Marriages	<p>Senator ABETZ: There have been suggestions that this census, for the first time ever, will take same-sex marriages into account and somehow record them. If the questions are all the same, are we now using a different methodology or are we digging deeper into the forms to come up with that statistic?</p> <p>Mr Pink: I will ask Mr Paul Lowe who heads up our census project, and who really deserves the thanks that you gave to me, Senator, for the success of the 2001 census.</p> <p>Mr Lowe: Senator the questions did not change between 2006 and 2011.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: That is what I thought.</p> <p>Mr Lowe: We will still be coding people that report that they are in a same-sex marriage as de facto couples, in line with the Marriage Act. However, we have decided this time that we will report on a new classification. We call it, 'Relationship as reported'. Of those same-sex couples that report that they are married, in the relationship question we will report the numbers of those as, 'Relationship as reported.' It is some new information we are collecting from the census. The census is for all Australians so we believe we have an obligation to return that information to the community.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: Do you take that attitude in relation to all the matters that you ask the people about? Clearly, this is an extra step you are taking. If you consider that you have an obligation to the Australian people then do you have an obligation to dig deeper in relation to other permutations of the information that is available from the census form?</p> <p>Mr Lowe: I am not sure where you are coming from with the question.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: In Australia, it is the policy of both major parties that—rightly or wrongly; I do not want to enter into that debate</p>	20/10/11 - pg 102	ABS	9/12/2011	9/02/2012

		<p>tonight—you cannot have same-sex marriages and those that are registered overseas are not acknowledged as being of legal effect in Australia. The question then is, why are we collecting the information on something which the law, for public policy reasons, does not recognise?</p> <p>Mr Lowe: As I said before, the information that we are returning and the way we code the information, the way we treat same-sex marriages, is in line with the Marriage Act and that has not changed. We have reported information on same-sex couples since the 1996 census. We certainly do not want to enter into the debate about same-sex marriages but I believe that this information may be of value to the community.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: So the Australian Bureau of Statistics made that value judgment all on its own. Or was it approached by government in relation to doing this?</p> <p>Mr Lowe: As far as I recall, we were certainly not approached by government—through our consultation process with a lot of users of census data, which includes government agencies, research organisations and the public themselves, who can put submissions in. In that process we had some submissions where people were interested in this information.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: All right. Was it government agencies that made that submission to you as opposed to the government?</p> <p>Mr Lowe: As far as I recall, in that process, it was not government agencies but was rather coming from community groups and the general public.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: Are you able to give us a list of those organisations, because one would anticipate that you would have known that this would be fraught with some degree of controversy and one would be interested as to which community groups in that case helped motivate this change?</p> <p>Mr Lowe: I would have to take that on notice.</p>				
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837	Abetz	Census	<p>Senator ABETZ: It necessitates a bit of extra work, no doubt, to get that extra information out of the census. Could you please take on notice the groups that made representations to the Australian Bureau of Statistics? That clearly must have convinced you that this was a good idea. The Australian Bureau of Statistics, I assume—and I should know this—is an independent statutory authority.</p> <p>Mr Pink: It certainly is, and I think—</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: You take it upon yourselves, then, to make those sorts of judgments?</p> <p>Mr Pink: It is the responsibility of the statistician, under the Statistics Act, to determine what is published from the data that is collected under the act. For instance, in the question on religion, which is the only voluntary question on the census form, we put out data on religion for 180-odd religions. Is that right, Paul?</p> <p>Mr Lowe: Yes.</p> <p>Mr Pink: Take the question on religion, which is the only question on the census form that is a voluntary question. We publish responses to the religious question for more than 180 different religions, and, by the time you are getting down to the 150-plus religions, you get into small numbers. But there is a demand for that information, and we think quite genuinely that it is our responsibility to make the data available as it has been reported.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: But I do not know of any public policy position by either of the major parties that would seek to ban a religion or to say it is against public policy to be involved in one of those particular religions. I can understand where you are coming from, but I am concerned about the area that you are traversing.</p> <p>Mr Pink: We will take it on board and come back.</p>	20/10/11 - pg 102-103	ABS	9/12/2011	9/02/2012
838	Cormann	Dealer Groups on ASIC Registers	<p>Senator CORMANN: I would like a quick answer to the following questions because I am going to run out of time. How many dealer groups are currently on ASIC registers? You might need to take that on notice.</p> <p>Mr Medcraft: I will need to take that on notice.</p>	20/10/11 - pg 98-99	ASIC	13/02/2012	1/03/2012

839	Cormann	Alternative Restructure Options	<p>Senator CORMANN: I am sure that the cc to me would have been a red flag that people would have brought to your attention. Can you talk us through your perspective on what is described in the letter as a huge wastage of money in the shared services function at ASIC?</p> <p>Mr Medcraft: I think it is pretty clear that when you have restructure, whether it be in deterrence or in other areas, clearly it leaves disgruntled employees. I think that happens whenever you have restructuring. This letter we believe was from somebody in our shared services area. The shared services area underwent a restructure this year, 2011, which saw 32 people leave the organisation. As I said, any restructure is difficult for employees and can cause resentment—as I think this letter shows. We are looking at some of the accusations in there. On the broader issue of funding we are undergoing an important funding review that is being overseen by Treasury and the Department of Finance and Deregulation at the present time and is actually looking at the efficiency of ASIC. Obviously I will be happy to comment further once that review is completed.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: You are currently conducting a review into the shared services area?</p> <p>Mr Medcraft: As I say, we had a review done of shared services some time ago and as part of an efficiency objective. We reviewed that area and we had a consultant look at it, who made recommendations in relation to a restructure. Some of those recommendations have been implemented. That saw 32 people leave the organisation.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Were you presented with any alternative restructure options to achieve the same savings outcome?</p> <p>Mr Medcraft: I will take that on notice, but I am not aware of any.</p>	20/10/11 - pg 95	ASIC	13/02/2012	1/03/2012
840	Cormann	September quarter figures	<p>Senator CORMANN: Will you just apply that new methodology from September 2011 onwards or will you also adjust figures going backwards in order to allow for—</p> <p>Mr Ewing: I believe we have published prior to the release of the September quarter the adjusted numbers for earlier periods.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: How far are you going back?</p> <p>Mr Ewing: I will take that on notice.</p>	20/10/11 - pg 104	ABS	9/12/2011	9/02/2012

841	Cormann	costs of implementing the Information Publication Scheme	<p>Senator CORMANN: Maybe, on notice, you can have a look at what we have talked about and provide us with any information about the cost that flows from implementing the changes that came into effect on 1 May and how that has impacted on the cost of complying with the information publication scheme since then.</p> <p>Dr Parkinson: We are happy to take that on notice. The bulk of the costs, though, as always, has been associated with the identification and assessment of the individual documents associated with each application. Where we have therefore incurred most of the cost has been the significant increase in a number of FOI applications that we are now having to deal with.</p>	20 October 2011 - Page 21	MCD	7/02/2012	9/02/2012
842	Cormann	costing super measures for 2014/15	<p>Senator CORMANN: But not across the measure; you would do it at the high level?</p> <p>Mr Heferen: Yes.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: You have talked me through all of the variables that would be relevant to this measure. Are you able on notice to give us what that information is for the 2014-15 year?</p> <p>Mr Gallagher: I will take the question on notice.</p>	20 October 2011 - Page 111	TAD		

843	Cormann	Average Salary Across Treasury	<p>Senator CORMANN: For current staff, can you tell me what the average salary is for staff at each level in Treasury up to and including the EL2 section head?</p> <p>Senator Wong: Is that on notice?</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Yes. I am interested also in knowing how those figures compare at each level with those for other agencies in the Treasury portfolio, including staff at the Australian Bureau of Statistics.</p> <p>Senator Wong: Stop. Hang on. Let us be clear what we have been asked to take on notice. We have been asked to take on notice essentially the information about staffing levels above EL2 and the number of positions in each of those levels for the unit. You have then asked for a comparator. What is the purpose of that?</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: I am trying to get a sense as to where the average salary at equivalent levels in the Treasury department—how it compares with the average salary in other Treasury portfolio agencies. I don't think there is anything—</p> <p>Senator Wong: We are not going to do it across every agency, are we? You want some comparator; we will also include other parts of the department as well.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Including the ABS. That would be great. Thanks.</p> <p>CHAIR: The ABS is under a separate enterprise bargaining agreement to Treasury, is it not?</p> <p>Mr Donnelly: Yes, it is.</p> <p>CHAIR: A separate agreement. And separate wages structure and separate classifications.</p> <p>Dr Parkinson: Can I just clarify. Do you want to know the average actual salary rather than the bands that are in the certified agreement.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Actual average salaries rather than the bands; that is right.</p> <p>Dr Parkinson: At all levels up to and including EL2?</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: That is right. Thank you.</p> <p>Dr Parkinson: That is fine.</p>	20 October 2011 - Page 19	FFMD	7/02/2012	9/02/2012
844	Cormann	Consideration of policies from the Independents and the Greens	<p>Senator CORMANN: I did not even ask about the cost, yet. I asked how much time the department has spent since September 2010 in dealing with the consideration of policies for the Independents and the Greens.</p> <p>Dr Parkinson: Can I take that on notice? It is a cross-departmental issue. We will try and identify how many times we have engaged with them. I know you are not asking for cost. We cannot work out how much time was involved in each interaction and how much cost was associated with it but we will attempt to get to the substance of the question.</p>	20 October 2011 - Page 23	MCD	8/02/2012	9/02/2012

845	Cormann	releasing the GTEM modelling	<p>Senator BOSWELL: My point of order is that Senator Cormann has raised a distinct question: will the GTEM model be released or will it not? The minister is giving us a lecture on what our leader says, telling us we are not interested in getting information and that it will not change our mind. The question is: will she release the GTEM model or will she not?</p> <p>CHAIR: On the point of order, Senator Cormann has asked the minister an exact question. The minister is entitled, as you well know, to answer the question in any way she may choose. She is directly responding to the question asked by Senator Cormann. That is my ruling.</p> <p>Senator Wong: I again make my point that an enormous amount of data has been released. In relation to the further request of the Treasurer, I will take that matter on notice and refer it to the Treasurer.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Can I just clarify what you are taking on notice for the Treasurer?</p> <p>Senator Wong: Your request.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Which one is that?</p> <p>Senator Wong: I will refer back to the Hansard.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: So you are not in a position to say today whether the government will release the GTEM code?</p> <p>Senator Wong: I am taking the question on notice and I will refer it to the Treasurer.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Will you also take on notice whether the government will release all of the other details of the GTEM model that have been used for its Strong growth, low pollution report, including the code, database, exogenous assumptions and software of the GTEM model and so on?</p> <p>Senator Wong: I will take that on notice</p>	20 October 2011 - Page 32	MMD	19/01/2012	9/02/2012
846						19/01/2012	9/02/2012
847	Cormann	Revenue Estimates for the MRRT	<p>Senator CORMANN: The revenue estimates for the MRRT in the budget are net of expected state royalty credits?</p> <p>Mr Heferen: In the current budget, yes.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: And updated in MYEFO.</p> <p>Mr Heferen: MYEFO will update those for the actual. It will update for creditable items such as company tax deductions or royalty credits.</p> <p>Senator Sherry: Just to be helpful, there is one measure you did not list.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: I stopped listing them because Mr Heferen very helpfully said that we could take it as read that he has taken all of the measures on notice.</p> <p>Senator Sherry: Yes, but there is one measure that was also announced that you have not listed at all and that is the raising of the age of the super guarantee from 70 to 75. Do you want that as well?</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: Yes, everything gets attached to it.</p>	20 October 2011 - Page 112 - 113	TAD	14/02/2012	1/03/2012
848						14/02/2012	1/03/2012

849	Xenophon	Compensation for Households	<p>Senator XENOPHON: And I am happy for further consideration to be taken on notice; I think that is the fair thing to do. I did raise it with Dr Gruen and Ms Quinn on 23 September, and I think there was a discussion about that—after I apologised for getting my Keyneses mixed up! But is there not an issue there that there is a potential downside that, given that compensation for households is relatively fixed—the compensation for households is relatively fixed, is it not—</p> <p>Dr Parkinson: That is correct.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: So that is one part of the package that is relatively inflexible.</p> <p>Dr Parkinson: Yes.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: I understand the policy rationale, but that could cause a fiscal hole if the carbon price is less.</p> <p>Dr Parkinson: And that is why I said that if everything else is constant you are correct. The bits that are constant are around the household assistance. But, as Ms McCulloch said, it is not then just a case where if the permit price is 10 per cent lower then it flows through automatically, because the value of the—</p> <p>Senator Wong: Because other bits move.</p> <p>Dr Parkinson: Because other bits will move.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Yes.</p> <p>Dr Parkinson: But you are right: the household compensation component is—</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: That is relatively fixed; that is less flexible.</p> <p>Dr Parkinson: That is right. Hence, if the cost of permits is lower, the extent to which households are compensated or overcompensated becomes larger.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: That is right.</p> <p>Dr Parkinson: It is akin to a tax cut or a payment to households.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: If Bloomberg is right on that assumption, there is a significant potential fiscal downside.</p> <p>Dr Parkinson: There has always been that in the same way that, if permit prices were higher, there was always a sense that you might find there would be more revenue, but you would need to think about returning that to households or what you were going to do in terms of compensation.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Could you take on notice an analysis of Bloomberg new energy futures and what the potential impact would be if they are right and the assumptions made are wrong in relation to that.</p> <p>Dr Parkinson: We are happy to do that.</p>	20 October 2011 - Page 41 - 42	IEDD	8/03/2012	
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850	Cormann	Raising the super guarantee to 9.5 per cent	<p>Senator CORMANN: Can you tell me what the estimate is for 2014-15 from the proposed increase in the superannuation guarantee to 9.5 per cent?</p> <p>Mr Heferen: I personally cannot.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: I gave notice that I wanted to ask that question and you say that the information is available.</p> <p>Mr Heferen: I apologise, Senator. In respect of all the questions and all the numbers for each of the measures, where we can provide them, where things have been updated for a media update or in some cases the economic update last year, I have gone through and got the numbers from the 2010-11 budget, the 2010-11 MYEFO and the economic statement to have a total for 2013-14, which is the following year where—</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: It was 2014-15 that I asked about. I know the 2013-14 figure. That was published. The 2013-14 there is \$240 million. That was published before. I am now after the 2014-15 figure. I thought that this was going to be way more straightforward based on the discussions I had with the secretary and based on the correspondence we have had. I cannot believe that we have now spent 10 minutes talking about something. You said you have the figures up to 2019-20 in relation to this, so what is the figure for 2014-15?</p> <p>Mr Heferen: I do not have that. I have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: The whole reason I wrote to the secretary a week ago was to avoid exactly this circumstance, where you have to take this on notice. I wrote to him on the understanding that this would enable you to be appropriately prepared to provide answers to the questions that I provided notice on, in great detail.</p>	20 October 2011 - Page 106 - 107	PRID	15/02/2012	1/03/2012
851	Cormann	The growth rate of domestic emissions	<p>Senator CORMANN: The modelling report I see characterises that as strong growth. Can you tell me what the growth rate of domestic emissions is over the decade to 2020 under the carbon tax and an emissions trading scheme?</p> <p>Ms Quinn: The growth rate of domestic emissions over that period? I do not have that number in front of me. I have got the level of emissions and the deviation.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: The number is 578 million to 621 million tonnes per annum. That is about a three-quarter per cent increase per annum. Does that sound right?</p> <p>Ms Quinn: I am certainly happy to take it on notice and check those numbers. I have not got a calculator with me.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: If 1.1 per cent per annum is strong growth, does three-quarters of a per cent per annum growth also count as strong growth?</p>	20 October 2011 - Page 29	MMD	16/12/2011	9/02/2012

